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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Section I.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

States and Territories.	Area. Square Miles.	Population (Exclusive of Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						
		Census—4th April, 1921.			Estimated, 31st December, 1923.			Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1923.*
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W. . .	309,432	1,071,501	1,028,870	2,100,371	1,127,195	1,082,250	2,209,445	981,400
Victoria..	87,884	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	806,546	818,834	1,625,380	852,850
Q'land ..	670,500	398,969	357,003	755,972	428,312	382,856	811,168	235,687
S. Aust..	380,070	248,267	246,893	495,160	265,340	259,408	524,748	278,856
W. Aust.	975,920	177,278	155,454	332,732	189,429	164,386	353,815	171,859
Tasmania	26,215	107,743	106,037	213,780	109,546	109,528	219,074	55,243
N. Ter. . .	523,620	2,821	1,046	3,867	2,527	1,028	3,555	..
Fed. Cap. Territory	940	1,567	1,005	2,572	1,407	1,215	2,622	..
Total	2,974,581	2,762,870	2,672,864	5,435,734	2,930,300	2,819,505	5,749,807	2,575,895

* The areas embraced in each case were Sydney, 118,299 acres; Melbourne, 163,266 acres; Brisbane, 134,752 acres; Adelaide, 137,716 acres; Perth, 87,563 acres; and Hobart, 54,890 acres.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUSIVE OF FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

31st Dec.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Ter.	Fed. Cap. Ter.*	Total.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1919	2,038,747	1,503,035	736,138	481,463	327,860	209,867	4,545	1,919	5,303,574
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1921	2,127,916	1,550,686	768,231	502,411	335,715	218,316	3,734	2,064	5,509,073
1922	2,172,932	1,590,225	788,290	513,194	343,608	218,924	3,551	2,557	5,633,281
1923	2,209,445	1,625,380	811,168	524,748	353,815	219,074	3,555	2,622	5,749,807

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ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUSIVE OF FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Ter.	Fed. Cap. Ter.*	Total.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1919	1,999,820	1,473,013	723,285	468,319	319,955	204,959	4,654	2,311	5,196,316
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1921	2,107,119	1,537,008	762,961	497,231	333,782	213,274	3,906	2,483	5,457,764
1922	2,149,349	1,570,824	781,022	506,036	339,649	214,777	3,653	2,815	5,568,125
1923	2,190,410	1,607,773	802,748	517,445	348,275	219,074	3,610	3,315	5,688,903

* Prior to 1911 part of New South Wales.

ESTIMATED INCREASE OF POPULATION.

States and Territories.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
New South Wales	31,893	22,187	33,008	34,610	36,004	33,021
Victoria	16,420	12,249	19,381	19,426	21,133	18,658
Queensland	12,385	9,843	12,309	13,187	12,835	12,089
South Australia	6,967	5,585	6,945	6,992	7,393	6,731
Western Australia	4,273	3,347	4,761	4,327	4,964	4,924
Tasmania	3,478	3,118	3,704	3,558	3,820	3,520
Northern Territory	31	21	..	1	10	34
Fed. Cap. Territory	43	9	9	23	26	9
Total	75,490	56,359	80,117	82,122	86,185	78,986

NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).

New South Wales	31,893	22,187	33,008	34,610	36,004	33,021
Victoria	16,420	12,249	19,381	19,426	21,133	18,658
Queensland	12,385	9,843	12,309	13,187	12,835	12,089
South Australia	6,967	5,585	6,945	6,992	7,393	6,731
Western Australia	4,273	3,347	4,761	4,327	4,964	4,924
Tasmania	3,478	3,118	3,704	3,558	3,820	3,520
Northern Territory	31	21	..	1	10	34
Fed. Cap. Territory	43	9	9	23	26	9
Total	75,490	56,359	80,117	82,122	86,185	78,986

NET IMMIGRATION (EXCESS OF IMMIGRATION OVER EMIGRATION).*

New South Wales	10,031	54,593	19,967	1,584	9,012	3,492
Victoria	3,765	53,541	5,493	3,351	18,406	16,497
Queensland	5,362	22,044	2,177	4,420	7,224	10,789
South Australia	3,878	18,326	2,598	4,413	3,390	4,823
Western Australia	— 928	14,330	— 1,298	65	2,929	5,283
Tasmania	1,360	3,906	— 819	2,006	— 3,212	— 3,370
Northern Territory	— 194	— 115	— 556	— 254	— 193	— 30
Fed. Cap. Territory	85	— 322	44	69	467	56
Total	23,359	166,333	27,606	15,654	38,023	37,540

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of Deaths over Births, and Emigration over Immigration.

* Includes Australian Military Forces.

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCREASE.

New South Wales	41,924	76,780	52,975	36,194	45,016	36,513
Victoria	20,185	65,790	24,874	22,777	39,539	35,155
Queensland	17,747	31,887	14,486	17,607	20,059	22,878
South Australia	10,845	23,911	9,543	11,405	10,783	11,554
Western Australia	3,345	17,677	3,463	4,392	7,893	10,207
Tasmania	4,838	7,024	2,885	5,564	608	150
Northern Territory	— 163	— 94	— 556	— 255	— 183	4
Fed. Cap. Territory	128	— 313	53	92	493	65
Total	98,849	222,662	107,723	97,776	124,208	116,526

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1923.

States and Territories.	Births.			Deaths.			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
New South Wales	27,713	26,356	54,069	11,969	9,079	21,048	17,523
Victoria	18,565	17,312	35,877	9,135	8,084	17,219	13,126
Queensland ..	10,163	9,819	19,982	4,699	3,194	7,893	5,814
South Australia ..	5,976	5,716	11,692	2,727	2,234	4,961	4,099
Western Australia	4,014	3,840	7,854	1,907	1,023	2,930	2,376
Tasmania ..	2,888	2,769	5,657	1,140	997	2,137	1,592
Northern Territory	40	32	72	35	3	38	7
Fed. Cap. Territory	6	13	19	10	..	10	4
Total ..	69,365	65,857	135,222	31,622	24,614	56,236	44,541

BIRTHS—NUMBER, 1918 TO 1923.

States and Territories.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
New South Wales ..	50,709	48,532	53,942	54,636	55,170	54,069
Victoria	31,597	31,619	36,213	35,591	36,288	35,877
Queensland ..	19,536	18,699	20,256	20,329	19,987	19,982
South Australia ..	11,357	11,060	12,028	11,974	12,001	11,692
Western Australia ..	7,106	6,937	8,149	7,807	8,131	7,854
Tasmania	5,280	5,310	5,740	5,755	5,817	5,657
Northern Territory	105	106	63	79	70	72
Fed. Cap. Territory	49	27	15	27	32	19
Total ..	125,739	122,290	136,406	136,198	137,496	135,222

BIRTH RATES.—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	26.11	24.27	26.09	25.93	25.67	24.68
Victoria	22.19	21.47	23.95	23.16	23.10	22.31
Queensland ..	28.00	25.85	27.15	26.64	25.59	24.89
South Australia ..	25.16	23.62	24.72	24.08	23.71	22.60
Western Australia ..	23.06	21.68	24.69	23.39	23.94	22.55
Tasmania	26.64	25.91	27.29	26.98	27.08	26.27
Northern Territory	21.56	22.78	14.96	20.23	19.16	19.94
Fed. Cap. Territory	20.19	11.68	6.90	10.87	11.37	5.73
Total ..	25.00	23.53	25.45	24.95	24.69	23.77

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

States and Territories.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
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DEATHS.—NUMBER, 1918 TO 1923.

New South Wales	..	18,816	26,345	20,934	20,026	19,166	21,048
Victoria	..	15,177	19,370	16,832	16,165	15,155	17,219
Queensland	..	7,151	8,856	7,947	7,142	7,152	7,893
South Australia	..	4,390	5,475	5,083	4,982	4,608	4,961
Western Australia	..	2,833	3,590	3,388	3,480	3,167	2,930
Tasmania	..	1,802	2,192	2,036	2,197	1,997	2,137
Northern Territory	..	74	85	63	80	60	38
Fed. Cap. Territory	..	6	18	6	4	6	10
Total	..	50,249	65,931*	56,289	54,076	51,311	56,236

DEATH RATES.—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	..	9.69	13.17	10.12	9.50	8.92	9.61
Victoria	..	10.66	13.15	11.13	10.52	9.65	10.71
Queensland	..	10.25	12.24	10.65	9.36	9.16	9.83
South Australia	..	9.73	11.69	10.45	10.02	9.11	9.59
Western Australia	..	9.19	11.22	10.27	10.43	9.32	8.41
Tasmania	..	9.09	10.69	9.68	10.30	9.30	9.92
Northern Territory	..	15.19	18.26	14.96	20.48	16.42	10.53
Fed. Cap. Territory	..	2.47	7.79	2.76	1.61	2.13	3.02
Total	..	9.99	12.69*	10.50	9.91	9.22	9.89

MARRIAGES.—NUMBER, 1918 TO 1923.

New South Wales	..	13,194	15,809	20,154	18,506	17,580	17,523
Victoria	..	9,156	11,706	14,898	13,676	12,996	13,126
Queensland	..	4,815	5,429	6,667	5,963	5,878	5,814
South Australia	..	3,190	3,855	4,881	4,383	4,144	4,099
Western Australia	..	1,612	2,194	2,932	2,656	2,446	2,376
Tasmania	..	1,131	1,513	1,999	1,668	1,674	1,592
Northern Territory	..	39	25	17	15	13	7
Fed. Cap. Territory	..	4	9	4	2	..	4
Total	..	33,141	40,540	51,552	46,869	44,731	44,541

* Large increase is mainly due to influenza epidemic.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES—continued.

States and Territories.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
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MARRIAGE RATES.—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	..	6.79	7.91	9.75	8.78	8.18	8.00
Victoria ..	..	6.43	7.95	9.85	8.90	8.27	8.16
Queensland	..	6.88	7.51	8.94	7.82	7.52	7.24
South Australia	..	7.07	8.23	10.03	8.82	8.19	7.92
Western Australia	..	5.23	6.86	8.88	7.96	7.20	6.82
Tasmania	..	5.71	7.38	9.50	7.82	7.79	7.39
Northern Territory	..	8.01	5.37	4.04	3.84	3.56	1.94
Fed. Cap. Territory	..	1.65	3.89	1.84	0.81	..	1.21
Total	..	6.59	7.80	9.62	8.59	8.03	7.83

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE, 1918 TO*1923.

New South Wales	..	2,993	3,486	3,744	3,418	2,957	3,281
Victoria ..	..	1,951	2,147	2,669	2,582	1,936	2,357
Queensland	..	1,107	1,344	1,281	1,101	1,007	1,078
South Australia	..	582	708	810	784	570	705
Western Australia	..	406	424	538	611	452	440
Tasmania	..	321	345	376	449	324	325
Northern Territory	..	3	7	12	5	4	1
Fed. Cap. Territory	..	1	3	1	2	1	..
Total	..	7,364	8,464	9,431	8,952	7,251	8,187

INFANTILE MORTALITY.—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales	..	59.02	71.83	69.41	62.56	53.60	60.68
Victoria ..	..	61.75	67.90	73.70	72.55	53.35	65.70
Queensland	..	56.66	71.88	63.24	54.16	50.38	53.95
South Australia	..	51.25	64.01	67.34	65.48	47.50	60.30
Western Australia	..	57.13	61.12	66.02	78.26	55.59	56.02
Tasmania	..	60.80	64.97	65.51	78.02	55.70	57.45
Northern Territory	..	28.57	66.04	190.48	63.29	57.14	13.89
Fed. Cap. Territory	..	20.41	111.11	66.67	74.07	31.25	..
Total	..	58.57	69.21	69.14	65.73	52.74	60.54

ESTIMATED MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA, 1919 to 1923.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of (a) over (b).
	Males.	Females.	Persons. (a)	Males.	Females.	Persons. (b)	
1919 ..	197,721	25,235	222,956	41,167	15,486	56,653	166,303
1920 ..	67,294	41,815	109,109	52,145	29,358	81,503	27,606
1921 ..	53,221	34,717	87,938	45,611	26,673	72,284	15,654
1922 ..	58,057	35,456	93,513	31,660	23,830	55,490	38,023
1923 ..	56,415	36,444	92,859	30,317	25,002	55,319	37,540

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to Nationality or Race of Persons who arrived or departed during the Years 1922 and 1923.

Nationality or Race.	Arrivals.		Departures.	
	Year.		Year.	
	1922.	1923.	1922.	1923.
British	80,278	80,926	46,247	46,478
Danish	163	131	59	34
Dutch	217	214	126	122
French	553	417	382	388
German	166	118	151	73
Greek	468	921	82	61
Italian	3,358	1,794	666	455
Maltese	(a)	266	(a)	6
Norwegian	103	58	55	15
Russian	145	280	40	97
Swedish	88	57	52	15
Swiss	168	164	46	17
United States	1,287	1,279	650	624
Other White	689	666	204	152
Total, White Nationalities or Races ..	87,683	87,291	48,760	48,537
Afghans	6	6	5	4
Armenians	2	3	1	2
Chinese	3,613	3,864	3,725	3,662
Japanese	540	257	483	407
Javanese	(b)	224	(b)	37
Malays	252	35	187	81
Natives of India and Ceylon	431	377	399	419
Siamese	4	2	4	2
Syrians	91	167	35	25
Other Asiatics	199	17	110	140
Filipinos	(b)	66	(b)	37
Negroes, American	2	1	2	2
Papuans	336	273	121	334
Polynesians, Melanesians	279	124	277	173
Other Coloured	75	152	41	79
Total, Coloured Nationalities or Races	5,830	5,568	5,390	5,404
Allowance for unrecorded departures ..	..	..	1,340	1,378
TOTAL ALL NATIONALITIES OR RACES	93,513	92,859	55,490	55,319

(a) Included in "Other White."

(b) Included in "Other Coloured."

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to the Countries whence the Persons arrived or to which they departed during the Years 1922 and 1923.

Country.	Arrivals.		Departures.	
	Year.		Year.	
	1922.	1923.	1922.	1923.
United Kingdom	45,538	46,528	15,776	16,122
Canada	1,835	1,414	1,417	1,413
Egypt	(a)	1,444	(a)	179
Fiji	1,200	1,040	1,078	919
Hong Kong	3,114	3,241	3,017	3,512
India and Ceylon	1,789	2,006	1,327	1,676
New Zealand	21,963	22,899	18,920	18,882
Norfolk Island	254	273	245	232
Papua	917	823	615	966
Solomon Islands	(a)	355	(a)	399
South African Union	1,871	1,977	1,621	1,555
Straits Settlements	1,135	1,069	1,108	1,385
Territory of New Guinea	(a)	846	(a)	893
Other British Possessions	2,412	729	1,802	261
Total, British Countries	82,028	84,644	46,926	48,394
China	259	267	318	107
France	1,240	1,649	751	860
Germany	5	27	6	32
Italy	4,100	2,232	788	599
Japan	662	532	640	647
Java	(b)	529	(b)	319
New Caledonia	458	342	249	296
Philippine Islands	(b)	180	(b)	132
South Sea Islands	164	170	277	225
United States	1,685	1,724	1,645	1,671
Other Foreign Countries	1,453	563	1,161	659
Total, Foreign Countries	10,026	8,215	5,835	5,547
Crews discharged or shipped	1,459	(c)	1,389	(c)
Allowance for unrecorded departures .. .. .	..	..	1,340	1,378
TOTAL, ALL COUNTRIES	93,513	92,859	55,490	55,319

(a) Included with "Other British." (b) Included with "Other Foreign." (c) The practice of recording crews has been discontinued as from 1st July, 1922.

NOMINATED AND SELECTED IMMIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA,
1919 TO 1923.

State.	Nominated.			Selected.			Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	1,922	2,099	4,021	731	253	984	5,005
Victoria	*	*	3,856	*	*	5,648	9,504
Queensland	717	673	1,390	901	86	987	2,377
South Australia	384	372	756	770	185	955	1,711
Western Australia	488	528	1,016	5,101	1,537	6,638	7,654
Tasmania	118	121	239	80	75	155	394
Total Year 1923	*	*	11,278	*	*	15,367	26,645
" " 1922	7,495	7,037	14,532	7,880	1,846	9,726	24,258
" " 1921	6,013	4,811	10,824	2,203	1,655	3,858	14,682
" " 1920	2,898	3,089	5,987	1,716	1,356	3,072	9,059
" " 1919	55	148	203	29	13	42	245

* Not yet available.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA, 1918-19 TO 1923-24.

AREA UNDER CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar Cane.	Total under all Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1918-19 ..	7,990,165	768,152	286,812	2,692,904	171,024	13,332,393
1919-20 ..	6,419,160	1,068,296	265,469	3,125,653	159,037	13,296,407
1920-21 ..	9,072,167	936,996	284,283	3,233,189	174,001	15,069,858
1921-22 ..	9,719,042	733,406	305,186	2,994,519	197,293	15,357,024
1922-23 ..	9,763,861	1,014,376	313,202	3,338,456	216,886	16,543,555
1923-24 ..	9,460,902	..	..	..	..	..

TOTAL YIELD.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar Cane.	Cane Sugar.*
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1918-19 ..	75,638,262	10,441,080	6,912,153	2,893,602	1,780,063	202,256
1919-20 ..	45,974,992	12,556,111	6,764,005	2,986,784	1,350,081	172,977
1920-21 ..	145,873,850	18,521,077	7,258,782	4,686,366	1,470,768	182,551
1921-22 ..	129,088,806	12,147,433	7,840,438	3,902,189	2,436,890	300,000
1922-23 ..	109,454,842	14,982,155	7,388,314	4,148,989	2,315,982	304,000
1923-24 ..	125,544,663	..	..	..	..	..

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.†	Tons.†
1918-19 ..	9.47	13.59	24.10	1.07	15.33	1.74
1919-20 ..	7.16	11.75	25.48	0.96	15.05	1.93
1920-21 ..	16.08	19.77	25.53	1.45	15.54	1.93
1921-22 ..	13.28	16.56	25.69	1.30	18.99	2.34
1922-23 ..	11.21	14.77	23.59	1.24	15.78	2.09
1923-24 ..	13.27	..	..	..	..	..

* Estimated production 1923, 280,000 tons. † Per acre of productive cane.

AREA UNDER WHEAT, 1918-19 TO 1923-24.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Ter.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1918-19	†2,409,669	2,214,490	21,637	2,186,349	1,146,103	11,917	..	7,990,165
1919-20	†1,474,174	1,918,269	46,478	1,926,915	1,041,827	11,497	..	6,419,160
1920-21	†3,127,377	2,295,865	177,320	2,167,646	1,275,675	28,284	..	9,072,167
1921-22	†3,194,949	2,611,198	164,670	2,384,012	1,336,228	27,985	..	9,719,042
1922-23	†2,942,857	2,644,314	145,492	2,453,086	1,552,868	25,244	..	9,763,861
1923-24†	2,914,070	2,384,800	41,202	2,450,000	1,657,830	13,000	..	9,460,902

† Including Federal Capital Territory, 515 acres in 1917-18, 36 acres in 1918-19, 139 acres in 1919-20, 602 acres in 1920-21, 541 acres in 1921-22, and 518 acres in 1922-23. ‡ Estimated.

TOTAL YIELD OF WHEAT, 1918-19 TO 1923-24.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Ter.	Total.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1918-19	*18,325,000	25,239,871	104,509	22,936,925	8,845,387	186,570	..	75,638,262
1919-20	*14,388,022	14,858,380	311,638	14,980,413	11,222,950	213,589	..	45,974,992
1920-21	*55,625,000	39,468,625	3,707,357	34,258,914	12,248,080	565,874	..	145,873,850
1921-22	*42,767,000	43,867,596	3,025,786	24,946,525	13,904,721	577,178	..	129,088,806
1922-23	*28,668,000	35,697,220	1,877,836	28,784,767	13,857,432	569,587	..	109,454,842
1923-24†	33,010,000	36,246,800	119,257	35,853,000	20,003,603	247,000	..	125,544,663

* Including Federal Capital Territory, 300 bushels in 1918-19, 813 bushels in 1919-20, 14,007 bushels in 1920-21, 7,611 bushels in 1921-22, and 7,176 bushels in 1922-23. ‡ Estimated.

Principal Crops—Australia, 1918-19 to 1923-24—continued.

AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE, 1918-19 TO 1923-24.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Ter.	Total.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1918-19	7.60	11.40	4.83	10.49	7.72	15.66	..	9.47
1919-20	2.98	7.75	6.71	7.77	10.77	18.58	..	7.16
1920-21	17.79	17.19	20.91	15.80	9.60	20.01	..	16.08
1921-22	13.39	18.80	18.37	10.46	10.41	20.62	..	13.28
1922-23	9.74	13.50	12.91	11.73	8.92	22.56	..	11.21
1923-24	11.34	15.20	3.62	14.63	12.07	19.00	..	13.27

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK, 1918 TO 1922.

31st Dec.	N.S.W. *	Victoria. †	Q'land.	S. Aust. *	W. Aust.	Tasmania. †	N. Ter.	Fed.Cap. Ter.*	Total.
SHEEP.									
1918	37,243,770	15,773,902	18,220,985	6,625,184	7,183,747	1,841,924	58,620	138,104	87,086,236
1919	29,077,514	14,422,745	17,379,332	6,014,565	6,697,951	1,781,425	8,811	171,739	75,554,082
1920	33,691,838	12,171,084	17,404,840	6,359,944	6,532,965	1,570,832	6,062	159,990	77,897,555
1921	37,025,716	12,325,818	18,402,399	6,257,052	6,506,177	1,551,273	6,349	151,686	82,226,470
1922	34,723,684	11,765,520	17,641,071	6,305,133	6,664,135	1,558,494	6,161	139,063	78,803,261

CATTLE.

1918	3,271,782	1,596,544	5,786,744	342,768	943,847	218,234	570,039	8,894	12,738,852
1919	3,075,954	1,631,120	5,940,433	349,562	880,644	214,442	610,534	8,378	12,711,067
1920	3,367,880	1,575,159	6,455,067	376,399	849,803	208,202	659,840	7,387	13,499,737
1921	3,538,240	1,750,369	7,047,370	419,197	893,108	216,704	568,031	8,290	14,441,139
1922	3,241,905	1,785,660	6,955,463	425,811	939,596	218,197	760,766	6,275	14,336,673

HORSES.

1918	721,302	523,788	758,632	269,255	180,094	41,221	31,436	1,421	2,527,149
1919	660,751	513,500	730,326	264,901	174,919	39,452	35,839	1,513	2,421,201
1920	661,846	487,503	741,024	268,187	178,664	39,117	37,837	1,332	2,415,510
1921	668,501	496,124	746,281	267,639	180,334	38,439	39,565	1,299	2,438,182
1922	658,686	494,947	713,015	264,150	181,159	37,313	39,845	1,345	2,390,460

PIGS.

1918	294,338	267,819	140,966	79,078	85,863	44,328	1,200	310	913,902
1919	253,338	186,810	99,593	60,295	58,155	35,530	1,675	572	695,068
1920	305,967	175,275	104,370	78,395	60,581	38,116	1,416	286	764,406
1921	383,326	230,770	145,083	87,667	63,001	49,743	452	343	960,385
1922	340,579	294,962	160,617	75,520	67,561	46,056	361	274	985,930

* As at 30th June, year following.

† As at 1st March, year following.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED—1918-19 TO 1922-23.

Season ended 30th June.	N.S.W. *	Victoria.	Q'land. †	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Ter.	Total.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1919..	305,613,000	126,647,061	113,777,272	55,947,108	45,317,271	10,279,998	330,000	657,911,710
1920..	296,641,000	132,847,167	118,035,461	58,306,918	46,299,381	11,069,237	50,000	663,249,164
1921..	240,231,000	90,250,571	114,809,963	48,953,503	43,714,630	9,503,048	40,000	547,502,715
1922..	285,418,000	103,512,777	132,579,733	54,038,262	46,301,039	9,634,624	30,000	631,514,435
1923..	†294,220,000	102,467,950	134,971,150	54,929,801	44,130,138	10,218,550	18,100	640,964,689

* Including Federal Capital Territory. † For year ended previous 31st December. ‡ Estimated.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE, 1918 to 1922.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	Fed. Cap. Ter.*	Total.
BUTTER.									
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1918	65,991,738	66,240,403	32,371,575	10,444,789	1,789,390	4,947,560	..	17,220	181,802,675
1919	63,127,160	60,218,945	26,213,514	9,810,335	1,980,273	4,290,724	..	7,840	165,648,791
1920	84,259,641	64,938,458	40,751,373	11,897,279	2,212,311	4,014,402	..	8,400	208,081,864
1921	100,652,620	82,981,570	60,923,194	14,565,599	2,658,153	5,270,243	..	19,961	267,071,340
1922	73,705,349	84,355,940	53,785,599	14,646,632	2,766,533	5,716,708	..	18,248	234,995,009

CHEESE.

	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1918	5,982,120	6,055,964	8,636,700	2,412,388	200	702,868	..	..	23,790,240
1919	6,762,467	7,735,023	8,296,318	2,540,183	821	861,460	..	..	26,196,272
1920	6,407,209	3,636,571	11,512,262	1,804,696	354	799,432	..	..	24,160,524
1921	7,367,057	5,675,909	15,200,527	3,392,400	1,073	1,016,037	..	..	32,653,003
1922	5,198,905	3,754,960	10,530,316	3,231,535	212	934,601	..	..	23,710,559

BACON AND HAMS.

	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1918	16,801,370	22,212,395	16,476,480	6,567,394	†2,313,650	1,309,633	..	296	66,181,270
1919	16,657,362	19,385,509	12,155,489	5,810,616	†2,609,284	1,128,096	..	12,236	57,758,570
1920	16,249,762	15,139,100	11,337,050	4,172,372	†2,077,662	1,267,061	..	7,480	50,257,470
1921	20,413,330	17,396,798	12,386,417	5,089,424	†1,962,621	1,356,329	..	9,540	58,614,400
1922	19,234,681	19,269,125	15,130,545	5,002,199	†2,035,820	1,778,015	..	11,185	62,461,570

* Year ending 30th June, year following.

† Including Bacon and Ham cured in Western Australia from animals slaughtered in other States.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED, 1918 to 1923.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Ter.	Total.
GOLD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1918..	369,743	674,655	567,371	26,252	3,723,183	44,724	*2,229	5,408,157
1919..	336,240	691,632	618,101	16,465	3,748,882	39,252	*4,234	5,454,806
1920..	275,109	859,461	648,168	9,546	3,475,392	35,134	*5,282	5,308,092
1921..	271,302	554,087	214,090	13,933	2,935,693	28,311	*1,299	4,018,685
1922..	118,359	501,515	378,154	4,693	2,525,811	16,101	*540	3,545,173
1923..	83,326	422,105	375,254	4,203	2,232,183	10,300	*743	3,134,114

SILVER AND LEAD.

1918..	5,739,509	1,319	36,645	10,492	189,636	127,176	*200	6,104,977
1919..	1,647,878	1,607	23,511	180	107,508	136,234	*132	1,922,050
1920..	123,481	1,714	135,559	2,646	190,484	309,035	*299	763,218
1921..	1,327,364	862	54,188	240	67,521	89,817	..	1,539,992
1922..	2,574,108	1,080	109,350	377	87,692	241,694	..	3,014,301

COPPER.

1918..	696,580	..	2,087,751	828,556	66,146	776,106	*9,648	4,464,787
1919..	139,296	..	952,501	228,930	10,105	558,694	*2,349	1,891,875
1920..	127,078	..	1,551,995	423,601	25,165	523,237	*780	2,657,756
1921..	41,267	..	168,556	106,370	24,601	463,163	..	803,957
1922..	36,233	..	321,535	73,646	20,379	391,535	*798	844,126

* Year ended 30th June.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced, 1918 to 1923—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Ter.	Total.
TIN.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1918..	548,876	24,481	251,755	..	76,952	488,798	*41,432	1,432,294
1919..	416,623	17,561	143,167	..	47,269	395,794	*30,021	1,050,435
1920..	413,794	12,815	252,054	..	49,449	369,362	*27,610	1,125,084
1921..	163,451	11,961	98,471	..	6,485	130,257	*7,793	418,418
1922..	154,698	12,071	99,758	..	10,930	112,407	*5,891	395,755

COAL.

1918..	4,941,807	367,640	572,305	..	204,319	37,676	..	6,123,747
1919..	5,422,846	406,617	614,307	..	270,355	47,004	..	6,761,129
1920..	7,723,355	528,919	841,551	..	350,346	64,005	..	9,508,176
1921..	9,078,388	634,397	831,483	..	407,117	63,446	..	11,014,831
1922..	8,507,946	695,430	840,472	..	381,555	61,016	..	10,486,419

ALL MINERALS.

1918..	13,220,135	1,102,652	3,740,925	1,441,885	4,265,577	1,597,694	*92,730	25,461,598
1919..	8,911,725	1,151,980	2,575,225	771,659	4,191,973	1,307,692	*71,697	18,981,951
1920..	9,791,979	1,435,135	3,617,870	1,150,849	4,110,376	1,426,442	*80,101	21,612,752
1921..	12,052,509	1,218,783	1,495,899	904,659	3,463,764	822,767	*19,003	19,977,384
1922..	12,951,164	1,244,966	1,859,084	331,866	3,041,112	878,009	*9,959	20,316,160

* Year ended 30th June.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA, 1917 to 1922-23.

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry, and Bee Farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing.	Total.
1917..	£1,000. 59,641	£1,000. 82,322	£1,000. 31,326	£1,000. 5,523	£1,000. 24,998	£1,000. 69,797	£1,000. 273,607
1918..	59,036	86,793	33,738	7,137	25,462	75,362	287,528
1919-20	72,202	100,920	38,830	10,170	18,982	98,162	339,266
1920-21	112,801	86,882	52,613	10,490	21,613	109,435	393,834
1921-22	81,890	69,254	44,417	10,373	19,977	120,751	346,662
1922-23	84,183	..	..	..	20,316	..	..

* These amounts differ from those given in the following tables, owing to certain products which are there included having been included in Dairy Farming and Forestry in this Table.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA, 1918-19 to 1922-23.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed.	Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value added by Manufacture.	Value of Output.
1918-19||	15,588	340,475	42,506,095	102,176,713	162,482,772	86,574,116	249,056,888
1919-20||	16,291	376,734	52,115,558	113,017,165	187,722,877	104,813,731	292,536,608
1920-21||	17,113	386,639	62,931,718	129,486,738	205,866,282	118,126,801	323,993,083
1921-22||	18,023	395,425	68,050,861	145,408,138	190,410,265	129,921,500	320,331,765
1922-23||	19,169	412,349	71,131,897	160,513,629	186,052,465	140,395,724	326,448,189

* Exclusive of amounts drawn by working proprietors.

|| See note † following table.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—DETAILS FOR STATES—1920-21 to 1922-23.

Particulars.	N.S.W. £	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
1920-21.†							
1. Factories .. ..No.	5,837	6,532	1,795	1,438	895	616	17,113
2. Hands employed*	145,011	140,743	43,196	30,430	17,034	10,225	386,639
3. Wages paid†£	25,618,591	21,377,216	6,718,905	4,866,211	2,870,567	1,480,228	62,031,718
4. Value of fuel used	3,608,744	2,184,096	766,590	704,775	273,061	155,222	7,692,488
5. „ materials used	91,104,505	65,401,425	24,073,200	14,375,430	6,677,414	4,234,308	205,866,282
6. „ added in process of manufacture	46,736,881	40,606,869	15,117,042	7,982,679	4,765,666	2,917,664	118,126,801
7. „ of output of fctrs. ..	137,841,386	106,008,294	39,190,242	22,358,109	11,443,080	7,151,972	323,993,083
8. „ land & buildings	28,428,917	17,313,350	6,261,266	4,495,667	3,350,608	981,660	60,831,458
9. „ plant & machinery ..	31,115,444	18,179,385	9,615,509	4,473,247	3,340,158	1,931,527	68,655,270
1921-22.†							
1. Factories .. ..No.	6,356	6,753	1,810	1,432	986	686	18,023
2. Hands employed*	148,876	144,876	42,248	31,171	18,127	10,127	395,425
3. Wages paid†£	26,783,242	23,846,495	7,217,773	5,313,927	3,386,550	1,502,874	68,050,861
4. Value of fuel used	3,983,730	2,329,760	668,224	798,495	324,619	151,553	8,256,381
5. „ materials used	82,090,396	60,352,561	24,808,422	14,087,930	6,087,693	2,983,265	190,410,265
6. „ added in process of manufacture	50,729,669	45,890,620	15,525,878	9,766,927	5,204,046	2,813,360	129,930,500
7. „ of output of fctrs. ..	132,820,065	106,243,181	40,334,298	23,854,857	11,291,739	5,796,625	320,340,765
8. „ land & buildings	32,052,303	19,810,170	6,373,504	4,711,022	3,206,295	1,160,164	67,322,458
9. „ plant & machinery ..	35,229,530	21,182,110	10,253,104	4,896,264	3,596,877	2,927,795	78,085,680
1922-23.†							
1. Factories .. ..No.	6,693	7,096	1,878	1,609	1,199	689	19,064
2. Hands employed*	152,205	152,625	43,403	34,695	19,097	10,321	413,346
3. Wages paid†£	27,019,175	25,547,192	7,447,959	5,943,745	3,500,625	1,642,901	71,111,597
4. Value of fuel used	4,020,624	2,443,681	690,656	948,455	361,990	193,765	8,458,171
5. „ materials used	77,192,203	62,658,163	21,403,740	10,015,552	5,553,347	3,229,400	185,152,305
6. „ added in process of manufacture	55,493,989	48,623,180	16,420,361	10,888,223	5,768,204	3,196,767	140,395,724
7. „ of output of fctrs. ..	132,686,192	111,286,343	37,824,101	26,903,775	11,321,551	6,426,227	326,448,189
8. „ land & buildings	34,613,459	22,428,525	6,615,350	5,324,484	4,001,366	1,452,073	74,465,254
9. „ plant & machinery ..	37,515,231	23,994,715	11,018,375	5,519,035	4,218,550	3,702,469	86,048,375

* Includes working proprietors.

† Exclusive of amount drawn by working proprietors,

‡ Queensland, Western Australia, and Tasmania for year ended 31st December; New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia for year ended 30th June, six months later.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED BY PROCESSES
OF MANUFACTURE—AUSTRALIA, 1918-19 to 1921-22.

Industries.	1918-19. £	1919-20. £	1920-21. £	1921-22. £
Treating raw materials, product of agricultural and pastoral, etc., pursuits ..	4,248,004	5,960,804	3,960,255	4,012,361
Treating oils and fats	1,359,159	1,620,230	1,434,693	1,610,779
Processes in stone, clay, glass, etc. ..	3,677,998	4,743,122	6,638,626	6,455,270
Working in wood	5,431,701	7,068,844	8,747,762	9,073,287
Metal works, machinery, etc.	17,404,313	18,227,976	24,747,266	25,899,384
Connected with food and drink, etc. ..	20,247,950	24,813,602	24,043,642	28,926,549
Clothing and textile fabrics, etc. ..	11,607,339	15,495,773	17,220,926	19,530,725
Books, paper, printing and engraving ..	5,903,113	7,024,935	8,532,291	9,263,926
Musical instruments, etc.	174,140	241,895	340,060	371,140
Arms and explosives	547,487	415,950	425,892	441,936
Vehicles & Fittings, saddlery, harness, etc.	2,376,200	3,053,731	3,691,501	4,187,875
Ship and boat building and repairing ..	1,322,143	2,009,532	1,928,092	1,982,623
Furniture, bedding, and upholstery ..	1,759,600	2,311,437	2,787,103	2,832,336
Drugs, chemicals, and by-products ..	2,170,737	2,483,291	2,718,054	3,304,286
Surgical and other scientific instruments	93,489	99,408	132,203	152,174
Jewellery, timepieces, and platedware ..	474,145	644,194	687,591	633,049
Heat, light, and power	6,495,601	6,890,065	8,067,226	9,187,334
Leatherware, n.e.i.	326,386	484,972	505,405	640,638
Minor wares, n.e.i.	949,611	1,223,970	1,518,213	1,415,828
	86,574,116	104,813,731	118,126,801	129,921,500

‡ See note ‡ previous table.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1922-23.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land. †	S. Aust.	W. Aust. †	Tas. †	Total.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages*	20.39	22.96	19.69	22.09	30.92	25.57	21.79
Fuel	3.03	2.20	1.83	3.53	3.20	3.02	2.65
Materials used ..	58.18	56.30	56.59	59.53	49.05	50.25	56.99
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses & charges	18.40	18.54	21.89	14.85	16.83	21.16	18.57
Total output ..	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Wages per cent. to added value† ..	48.74	52.54	45.39	54.59	60.69	51.39	50.67

* Exclusive of amount drawn by working proprietors. † For year ended 31st December, 1922.

† By "added value" is meant the amount by which the value of raw materials has been enhanced by those processes of manufacture to which the wages relate.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee*, 1918-19 to 1922-23.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1918-19† ..	137.33	120.47	129.45	136.64	138.55	115.57	129.80
1919-20† ..	154.87	135.52	135.86	141.63	145.24	126.03	143.65
1920-21† ..	182.39	159.41	161.12	166.96	173.60	150.86	169.28
1921-22† ..	186.21	172.84	177.12	177.76	191.94	156.93	179.24
1922-23† ..	183.93	175.79	178.16	178.82	192.45	167.24	179.75

* Exclusive of working proprietors. † Queensland, Western Australia, and Tasmania for year ended 31st December; New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia for year ended 30th June, six months later.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed, 1922-23.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Males	114,926	103,092	35,528	27,988	15,851	8,453	305,838
Females	37,279	49,533	7,875	6,707	3,246	1,871	106,511
Masculinity* ..	51.0	35.1	63.7	61.3	66.0	63.8	48.3

* Excess of Males over Females per 100 of both sexes combined.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.

SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED—AUSTRALIA,
1918-19 to 1923-21.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1918-19 ..	2,220,155	1,018,901	3,239,060	2,824,741	116,685	2,941,426
1919-20 ..	2,593,961	1,447,583	4,041,544	3,957,273	87,690	4,044,963
1920-21 ..	3,236,111	1,522,805	4,758,916	4,621,333	122,769	4,744,102
1921-22 ..	3,108,757	1,451,624	4,560,381	4,432,674	88,223	4,520,897
1922-23 ..	3,930,977	652,339	4,643,316	4,291,972	236,938	4,528,910
1922-23 (6 Mos.)	1,926,388	314,454	2,240,842	2,010,364	95,119	2,105,483
1923-24 „ „	2,115,123	329,431	2,444,554	2,200,577	254,138	2,454,715

OVERSEA AND INTER-STATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and shipped,
States, 1918-19 to 1922-23.

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton.

State.	Discharged.			Shipped.		
	Oversea.	Inter-State.	Total.	Oversea.	Inter-State.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.

1922-23.

N.S. Wales ..	1,478,815	999,886	2,478,701	1,843,605	2,966,491	4,810,096
Victoria ..	1,323,258	2,034,667	3,357,925	635,753	592,442	1,228,195
Queensland ..	266,482	483,604	750,086	160,750	415,279	576,029
South Australia	417,908	1,017,343	1,435,251	939,301	547,889	1,487,190
Western Aust. ..	207,916	445,755	653,671	397,820	113,614	511,434
Tasmania ..	24,151	396,859	421,010	86,114	501,178	587,292
Northern Terr. ..	265	3,713	3,978	853	608	1,461
Total ..	3,718,795	5,381,827	9,100,622	4,064,196	5,137,501	9,201,697

1921-22.

N.S. Wales ..	1,043,582	1,246,304	2,289,886	2,662,784	3,260,737	5,923,521
Victoria ..	848,260	2,077,233	2,925,493	1,299,029	537,372	1,836,401
Queensland ..	127,485	420,315	547,800	237,964	438,840	676,804
South Australia	246,820	1,067,601	1,314,421	1,031,772	720,267	1,752,039
Western Aust. ..	136,062	312,381	448,443	498,608	95,632	594,240
Tasmania ..	16,631	310,026	332,657	85,954	480,418	566,372
Northern Terr. ..	1,137	3,744	4,881	63	450	513
Total ..	2,419,977	5,443,604	7,863,581	5,816,174	5,533,716	11,349,890
Total 1920-21 ..	3,201,215	4,993,030	8,194,245	5,925,133	4,993,678	10,918,811
„ 1919-20 ..	2,238,298	4,274,168	6,512,466	4,984,946	4,415,909	9,400,855
„ 1918-19 ..	2,312,288	4,538,592	6,850,880	3,813,651	4,495,258	8,308,909

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AS AT 31st MARCH, 1924.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	4s. 6d. per box.
Butter substitutes ..	..	..	..	..	70s. per ton measurement.
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	1d. per lb.
Meats, Potted or Concentrated ..	..	..	..	..	70s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—					
Beef ..	..	..	..	..	1d. per lb.
Lamb ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Mutton ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Rabbits and Hares ..	..	..	..	..	90s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	..	..	..	..	1d. per lb.
Other ..	..	..	..	..	1d. per lb.
Milk and Cream ..	..	..	..	..	1d. per lb.
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	..	..	..	..	1d. per lb.

**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates between Australia and the United Kingdom and
Continent as at 31st March, 1924—continued.**

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—		
Biscuits, Dried Fruits, Jams and Jellies	70s. per ton measurement.	
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator)	4s. per case.	
Oranges (bushel cases)	4s. per case.	
Wheat, Unprepared	35s. per ton weight.	
Flour, Wheaten	35s. per ton weight.	
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	70s. per ton measurement.	
BEVERAGES (NON-ALCOHOLIC) AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING	70s. per ton measurement.	
BEVERAGES (ALCOHOLIC)	70s. per ton measurement.	
TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	70s. per ton measurement.	
ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—		
Skins, Hides	½d. per lb.	
Rabbit and Hare	1½d. per lb.	
Sheep	¾d. per lb.	
Other	1½d. per lb.	
Pearlshell	70s. per ton measurement.	
Wool—Greasy	1½d. per lb., + 5 per cent.	
Scoured and Washed	1½d. per lb., + 5 per cent.	
Tops	1½d. per lb.	
All other Animal Substances	1½d. per lb., + 5 per cent.	
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—		
Bark, Tanning (Chopped)	70s. per ton weight.	
(Ground)	52s. 6d. per ton weight.	
Copra	61s. 3d. per ton weight.	
Sandalwood	70s. per ton measurement.	
Fibre	87s. 6d. per ton weight.	
APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRE—		
Boots and Shoes	70s. per ton measurement.	
All other Apparel	70s. per ton measurement.	
Binder Twine	122s. 6d. per ton weight.	
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—		
Oil, Coconut	78s. 9d. per ton weight.	
Tallow, Unrefined	78s. 9d. per ton weight.	
Beeswax	70s. per ton measurement.	
Dripping	70s. per ton measurement.	
	{ cases	78s. 9d. per ton weight.
	{ casks	70s. per ton measurement.
PAINTS AND VARNISHES		
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—		
Zinc—Dross or Dust	140s. per ton weight.	
Sheets	61s. 3d. per ton weight.	
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREOF		70s. per ton measurement.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—		
Timber, Sawn (under 2 tons weight per piece)	11s. per 100 super. feet.	
Squared or Round (under 2 tons weight per piece)	11s. per 100 super. feet.	
PAPER AND STATIONERY	70s. per ton measurement.	
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—		
Oil, Eucalyptus	70s. per ton measurement.	
MISCELLANEOUS—		
Soap	70s. per ton measurement.	
BRONZE SPECIE	15 per cent.	

**INTER-STATE AND NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
31st MARCH, 1924.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement, 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To—	From—		
	Brisbane.	Sydney.	Melbourne.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane .. .. .	.. .. .	18 0	27 0
Sydney	18 0	.. .. .	18 0
Melbourne	27 0	18 0	.. .. .
Adelaide	33 9	22 6	18 0
Fremantle	60 0	40 0	35 0
Perth	60 0*	40 0*	35 0*
Hobart .. .. .	.. .. .	20 0	20 0
Launceston	40 6	20 6	18 0
Devonport	40 0	20 0	17 6
Burnie .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Auckland .. .. .	.. .. .	35 0	62 3†
Wellington .. .. .	.. .. .	35 0	.. .. .
Lyttelton .. .. .	.. .. .	35 0	63 9†
Dunedin .. .. .	.. .. .	35 0	.. .. .
Papua .. .. .	.. .. .	60 0	87 6
Territory of New Guinea .. .. .	.. .. .	60 0	87 6

* Plus lighterage, 8s. 6d. per ton measurement, or 9s. 6d. per ton weight.

† Includes transshipment expenses; direct rates 35s. 0d.

COMMERCE.—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA IMPORTS, 1918-19 to 1922-23.

States and Territories.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	46,013,102	44,691,959	72,460,306	43,321,478	55,010,083
Victoria	35,026,311	33,783,287	57,908,777	36,352,056	46,729,100
Queensland	6,075,649	7,218,594	11,840,442	8,639,446	10,782,906
South Australia	6,502,310	7,473,893	12,381,973	9,047,242	10,846,619
Western Australia	8,083,852	4,959,062	7,219,588	4,308,141	6,788,165
Tasmania	608,786	813,341	2,264,933	1,385,958	1,588,158
Northern Territory	25,140	29,056	19,857	12,115	12,804
Total	102,335,159	98,974,292	163,801,826	103,066,436	131,757,835

VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA EXPORTS, 1918-19 to 1922-23.*

States and Territories.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	51,027,359	55,017,065	52,601,798	48,012,511	42,581,874
Victoria	28,095,159	43,124,940	54,871,961	34,644,182	33,768,701
Queensland	12,447,616	14,403,922	15,171,884	17,573,103	15,782,072
South Australia	11,570,470	20,530,355	17,773,919	14,747,260	13,583,003
Western Australia	9,444,021	14,459,097	10,395,015	10,797,000	9,679,496
Tasmania	1,002,093	2,010,503	1,329,583	2,067,443	2,460,374
Northern Territory	377,258	277,627	14,752	5,036	14,627
Total	113,963,976	149,823,509	132,158,912	127,846,535	117,870,147

* Goods destined for oversea countries are largely transferred from one State to another for the shipment to the oversea country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION 1918-19 to 1922-23.

Year.	Value.					Value per Head.									
	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			Total.				
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1918-19	216,299,135	102,335,159	106,026,801	7,937,175	113,963,976*	42 11 4 20 2	9 20 17 4	1 11 3 22 8 7							
1919-20	248,797,801	98,974,292	144,569,324	5,254,185	149,823,509*	46 18 1 18 13	2 27 5 1	0 19 10 28 4 11							
1920-21	295,960,738	163,801,826	126,430,681	5,728,231	132,158,912*	54 14 0 30 5	7 23 7 3	1 1 2 24 8 5							
1921-22	230,912,971	103,066,436	123,487,512	4,359,023	127,846,535*	41 18 2 18 14	1 22 8 3	0 15 10 23 4 1							
1922-23	249,627,982	131,757,835	114,751,909	3,118,838	117,870,147*	44 6 0 23 7	8 20 7 4	0 11 0 20 18 4							

* Does not include the value of Stores shipped in Australian Ports on board oversea ships. The value of Ships' Stores was in 1918-19, £1,765,367; in 1919-20, £2,688,371; in 1920-21, £3,560,648; in 1921-22, £3,152,604; and in 1922-23, £2,887,399.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1918-19	95,264,120	7,071,089	102,335,159	104,773,773	9,190,203	113,963,976	9,509,653	2,119,164	11,628,817
1919-20	98,923,206	46,086	98,974,292	143,189,293	6,634,216	149,823,509	44,261,087	6,588,130	50,849,217
1920-21	163,781,682	20,144	163,801,826	126,710,172	5,448,740	132,158,912	37,071,510	5,428,596	31,642,914
1921-22	103,023,132	43,304	103,066,436	123,517,835	4,828,700	127,846,535	20,494,703	4,285,396	24,780,099
1922-23	131,727,011	30,824	131,757,835	114,569,208	3,300,939	117,870,147	17,157,803	3,270,115	13,887,688

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise, under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions, and Total Net Revenue collected, during the March Quarter of 1923 and 1924, during the first nine months of 1922-23 and 1923-24, and during the financial years 1921-22 and 1922-23.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to Revision.)

Division.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.		Financial Year.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1921-22.	1922-23.
CUSTOMS.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	522,540	595,418	1,696,633	1,912,224	1,985,599	2,297,006
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	491,956	547,239	1,506,082	1,559,627	1,923,977	2,033,195
3. Sugar	2,620	3,206	8,054	10,520	13,825	11,502
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	288,430	343,988	902,623	1,048,561	973,119	1,184,454
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire	1,706,344	1,654,746	4,855,622	4,140,600	4,673,864	5,952,523
6. Metals and Machinery	1,058,072	1,156,137	3,030,439	3,478,365	3,612,698	4,037,264
7. Oils, Paints, and Varnishes	146,262	178,147	409,436	515,880	441,755	588,501
8. Earthenware, &c.	135,738	158,677	443,802	491,703	518,110	571,063
9. Drugs and Chemicals	131,982	112,903	439,956	366,079	418,668	556,686
10. Wood, Wicker, and Cane	303,504	312,453	754,429	954,928	564,973	1,065,380
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	143,485	162,347	566,338	638,924	558,634	741,783
12. Leather and Rubber	314,951	443,219	822,369	1,184,177	529,401	1,153,980
13. Paper and Stationery	187,162	195,340	595,738	580,028	656,774	764,263
14. Vehicles	424,107	776,393	1,103,435	1,952,549	738,540	1,574,855
15. Musical Instruments	65,018	119,294	171,937	346,315	172,994	251,252
16. Miscellaneous	181,542	184,527	528,546	639,134	510,577	726,988
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	12,986	13,582	39,189	36,253	53,073	57,550
Total Customs ..	6,116,699	6,958,216	17,874,628	19,855,867	18,346,581	23,568,250
EXCISE.						
Beer	1,524,693	1,485,551	4,344,556	4,318,386	5,500,121	5,519,356
Spirits	365,853	320,076	1,084,750	1,116,629	1,512,425	1,615,861
Starch	4,375	4,584	14,585	13,138	16,839	20,342
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	732,396	801,623	2,348,626	2,456,471	3,289,414	3,130,510
Licences, &c.	2,258	2,329	12,628	12,421	12,742	12,780
Total Excise ..	2,629,575	2,614,163	7,805,145	7,917,045	10,331,541	10,298,849
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections ..	8,746,274	9,572,379	25,679,773	27,772,912	28,678,122	33,867,099
Drawbacks and Repayments ..	233,833	192,584	718,931	641,461	1,047,171	995,121
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	8,512,441	9,379,795	24,960,842	27,131,451	27,630,951	32,867,978

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA of the undermentioned classes of goods—the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Japan, the United States of America, and all countries during the six months ending 31st December, 1923.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Germany.	Japan.	U.S. America.	Total all Countries.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	223,631	141,791	50	3,062	136,670	1,109,264
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin, non-alcoholic beverages	262,364	1,137	1,353	15,726	113,913	3,220,960
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	857,317	1,699	944	2	1	1,034,052
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof	98,827	36	468	2	1,114,024	1,487,655
5. Live animals	55,814	110	..	..	1,150	110,857
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs	41,424	1,041	244	3,765	9,835	523,958
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	72,946	2,608	955	32,014	59,384	1,330,637
8. Apparel, textiles, and manufactured fibres	12,475,749	147,633	74,798	1,469,792	1,162,013	19,790,881
9. Oils, fats, and waxes	210,694	1,735	725	28,163	1,899,512	3,323,122
10. Paints and varnishes	234,200	1,673	3,861	97	72,441	333,221
11. Stones and minerals, including ores and concentrates	134,395	836	258	16	139,901	404,414
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery	11,072,339	1,608,601	155,012	35,008	7,405,069	21,206,342
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	336,127	270,650	5,606	523	713,501	1,591,926
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	96,258	356,091	2,714	84,360	1,745,573	3,332,322
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass, and stoneware	748,654	1,515	11,777	108,029	112,832	1,241,407
16. Paper and stationery	2,157,390	127,924	24,897	12,420	355,103	3,241,407
17. Jewellery, timepieces, and fancy goods	585,564	3,954	67,261	75,255	188,402	1,466,546
18. Optical, surgical, and scientific instruments	314,718	2,228	25,543	1,931	361,130	742,432
19. Drugs, chemicals, and fertilizers	978,452	8,651	30,925	28,367	282,902	1,924,887
20. Miscellaneous	1,100,185	42,625	235,543	104,216	606,636	2,463,876
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie	2,108	..	10	..	28	38,953
Total	32,059,156	2,722,538	642,944	2,002,748	16,480,020	70,091,816

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA, 1918-19 to 1922-23.

Year.	Butter.	Flour.	Wheat.	Wool.		Mutton and Lamb.	Beef.
				Greasy.	Scoured.*		
QUANTITY.							
	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
1918-19	411,148	9,667,900	26,738,158	4,580,337	1,091,360	596,875	1,199,895
1919-20	390,063	10,355,872	49,482,395	5,523,341	910,508	2,469,713	1,210,789
1920-21	924,210	4,594,500	46,075,130	4,178,800	681,244	548,938	1,796,425
1921-22	1,273,474	7,194,672	59,968,334	7,107,151	1,085,594	917,150	1,241,674
1922-23	789,754	7,890,014	18,906,163	5,982,905	1,127,746	1,676,126	1,529,507
VALUE.							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1918-19	3,193,086	5,818,824	11,334,655	31,479,990	11,286,765	1,298,431	2,472,736
1919-20	3,301,695	8,906,973	22,568,633	38,416,481	12,127,322	5,482,564	2,479,248
1920-21	11,067,104	4,948,756	34,473,350	25,304,295	8,475,755	1,578,658	3,819,841
1921-22	7,968,078	5,519,881	28,644,155	38,974,292	9,002,752	2,139,615	1,867,927
1922-23	6,082,414	4,521,976	8,469,574	45,810,943	11,324,939	4,321,917	1,794,735

* Includes Tops.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA DURING THE MARCH QUARTER, 1923 AND 1924, AND DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS, 1922-23 AND 1923-24.

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IMPORTS.

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	315,068	428,088	734,858	922,946
All other	77,783	90,005	192,086	253,381
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	11,394	26,196	20,703	56,475
All other, including Sausage Casings	67,651	95,163	213,551	248,462
Milk and Cream	3,608	4,811	24,693	22,538
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	19,091	21,220	34,965	261,409
TOTAL, CLASS I.	494,595	665,483	1,220,856	1,765,211
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Aerated and Mineral Waters, Wine, Unfermented (Grape), &c. ..	1,292	2,406	9,494	16,041
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Caramel Butter, and Cocoa Butter ..	38,570	54,038	154,018	121,263
Cocoa and Chocolate	54,659	62,722	231,391	188,076
Coffee and Chicory	21,545	19,247	61,439	79,581
Confectionery—				
Chocolate	1,326	3,826	4,530	13,064
N.E.I.	8,263	9,115	30,806	39,158
Fruits—Dried	16,982	20,631	181,751	162,815
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples .. ..	..	..	1	..
Bananas	2,286	3,665	12,234	10,856
All other	6,611	24,933	10,685	29,376
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	132,490	128,779	303,493	560,968
Prepared—Rice	38,461	31,178	98,995	80,076
" All other	4,414	1,754	35,144	7,932
Hops	14,582	2,373	37,331	6,038
Mustard	23,375	50,537	79,007	107,231
Nuts, Edible	54,568	76,409	242,635	225,981
Pickles and Sauces	27,526	29,537	81,410	83,281
Sago and Tapioca	29,080	28,850	74,782	102,617
Spices	34,373	34,033	100,266	98,227
Sugar (Cane)	12,498	861	50,423	11,459
Tea	773,158	1,020,435	2,179,016	2,628,759
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	80,332	95,436	272,750	352,871
TOTAL, CLASS II.	1,376,391	1,700,765	4,251,601	4,925,670

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.	£	£	£	£
Ale, Beer and Porter, Cider and Perry	46,995	55,356	151,184	170,706
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	24,852	31,855	82,854	108,594
Gin	22,480	35,549	88,984	107,020
Rum	3,211	7,804	11,369	16,956
Whisky	320,986	347,629	942,627	1,042,250
Other	10,239	9,488	28,274	31,460
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	10,679	14,852	27,484	39,063
Other	8,765	10,209	24,304	31,409
TOTAL, CLASS III. ..	448,207	512,742	1,357,080	1,547,458
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	13,240	21,403	65,124	60,916
Unmanufactured	443,693	584,746	1,062,407	1,887,264
Cigars	23,363	17,858	71,624	76,529
Cigarettes	35,027	38,204	99,846	124,182
Snuff	392	180	787	1,155
TOTAL, CLASS IV. ..	515,715	662,391	1,299,788	2,150,046
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	47,030	31,208	85,312	142,065
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	14,981	12,703	32,554	33,610
Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse) ..	143,505	153,223	405,507	437,950
Sheep	17,984	52,488	39,671	88,010
Other	16,620	20,145	65,491	66,836
All other Animal Substances ..	57,740	350,610	146,653	486,731
TOTAL, CLASS VI. ..	250,830	589,169	689,876	1,113,137
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.				
Bark, Tanning	9,354	5,365	15,007	23,011
Copra	119,409	204,065	604,352	520,568
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp, including Phormium Tenax	51,867	62,529	175,145	212,935
All other	162,736	146,650	405,782	430,846
Pulp for Papermaking	70,988	44,191	111,161	102,119
All other Vegetable Substances ..	220,202	247,178	731,850	751,136
TOTAL, CLASS VII. ..	634,556	709,978	2,043,297	2,040,615

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
(a) <i>Apparel.</i>				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c. ..	91,749	126,857	193,624	238,976
Boots and Shoes	90,544	106,603	283,722	343,545
Hats and Caps	118,378	123,383	358,260	398,104
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	724,604	873,679	2,271,932	1,821,498
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	79,638	102,949	111,462	152,139
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	78,343	50,511	247,517	174,586
Trimmings	312,164	272,459	1,062,771	704,813
Other.. ..	715,155	632,892	2,045,252	1,615,809
(b) <i>Textiles.</i>				
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	292,303	228,400	848,188	733,406
Cotton and Linen	2,837,041	2,268,862	10,428,849	8,230,837
Silk	835,939	1,351,555	3,350,617	3,605,413
Woolen	1,748,511	1,307,171	4,256,518	2,781,664
Other.. ..	973,998	895,242	2,185,760	1,869,128
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	772,781	841,711	2,113,749	2,256,426
All other Textiles	660,778	642,572	2,277,123	1,884,549
(c) <i>Manufactured Fibres.</i>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	159,291	216,413	277,655	538,991
Corn and Flour	134,511	172,766	1,475,772	1,596,436
All other	63,487	24,563	306,685	246,274
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	45,637	39,893	176,150	223,050
Yarns—				
Cotton	73,608	123,544	281,675	284,892
Wool	298,011	265,632	1,495,469	611,526
Other.. ..	84,643	97,020	371,931	245,263
TOTAL, CLASS VIII. ..	11,191,114	10,764,677	36,420,681	30,557,325
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Oils (in Bulk)—				
Kerosene	171,707	177,161	571,891	576,724
Lubricating (Mineral)	133,249	188,893	449,532	580,762
Petroleum Spirit	842,937	975,635	2,457,801	2,736,374
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes ..	205,975	414,179	697,930	1,185,284
TOTAL, CLASS IX. ..	1,353,868	1,755,868	4,177,154	5,079,144
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES ..				
	151,839	166,965	402,319	499,186

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XL.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES.	86,229	132,057	231,405	536,604
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—				
Cable and Wire Covered ..	332,368	402,722	815,000	864,798
N.E.I.	1,012,759	970,066	2,495,435	2,715,850
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viti-cultural)	158,274	139,842	388,629	554,940
All other Machines and Machinery ..	1,583,421	1,767,447	4,154,583	5,334,306
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys—				
Ferrous	27,807	2,783	49,692	9,844
Other	65,243	104,931	183,113	284,647
Gas Appliances	23,854	31,135	86,220	78,753
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	467,735	254,623	1,176,235	897,662
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c.	91,390	121,516	200,610	305,812
Pig and Scrap	42,236	35,317	114,909	95,581
Pipes and Tubes	374,678	349,877	867,998	1,132,815
Plate and Sheet—				
Galvanized, Flat	177,287	161,205	472,783	433,098
Galvanized, Corrugated ..	549,917	365,109	1,622,200	1,474,805
Plain	137,317	212,490	330,438	715,251
Tinned	269,188	400,578	772,713	1,001,940
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. ..	127,126	19,614	272,174	161,529
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	237,234	368,237	683,933	987,692
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. ..	126,102	228,734	255,514	556,334
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. ..	137,818	340,446	351,920	819,431
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c. ..	1,660,155	2,750,743	4,230,479	7,100,555
Other and Parts	350,621	537,870	921,929	1,436,326
Wire—Iron and Steel	226,935	148,078	648,014	473,614
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery ..	1,414,018	1,693,613	4,222,284	5,180,840
TOTAL, CLASS XII. ..	9,593,483	11,406,976	25,316,805	32,616,423

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Re-claimed	49,179	81,654	112,324	237,240
Rubber Manufactures	502,988	686,852	1,273,804	1,862,785
(b) <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Patent and Enamelled	65,911	58,473	203,259	148,136
All other	86,787	85,821	305,400	259,565
TOTAL, CLASS XIII. ..	704,865	912,800	1,894,787	2,507,726
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
Timber—				
Dressed	452,964	434,704	966,616	1,140,444
Undressed	791,785	990,602	1,928,507	3,311,928
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	120,770	147,469	373,562	453,606
TOTAL, CLASS XIV. ..	1,365,519	1,572,775	3,268,685	4,905,978
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.				
Cement (Portland)	35,417	25,280	115,369	66,386
Earthenware, China, &c.	162,174	192,608	611,969	624,188
Glass and Glassware	302,621	322,040	807,150	925,184
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware ..	74,193	95,861	173,604	253,684
TOTAL, CLASS XV. ..	574,405	635,789	1,708,092	1,869,442
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Paper.</i>				
Cardboard and other Paper Boards ..	66,082	62,396	193,067	179,988
Printing	602,396	642,520	1,650,145	1,878,366
Wrapping of all Colours	101,496	111,325	315,357	309,531
Writing and Typewriting	173,139	137,647	493,357	400,047
All other	123,823	154,613	340,211	440,394
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manufactures.</i>				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c. ..	220,096	244,918	871,655	881,380
All other	239,847	304,240	831,133	989,535
TOTAL, CLASS XVI. ..	1,526,879	1,657,659	4,694,925	5,079,241
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods	233,218	214,057	1,050,154	976,949
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c. ..	161,830	122,504	459,173	458,867
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	78,755	129,222	289,726	495,913
TOTAL, CLASS XVII. ..	473,803	465,783	1,799,053	1,931,729

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.	£	£	£	£
Films for Kinematographs, &c. ..	72,287	87,030	206,697	207,854
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c. ..	75,425	69,171	223,242	228,633
Talking Machines—Phonographs, &c. ..	50,843	105,022	188,807	327,616
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	82,219	107,677	256,819	347,229
TOTAL, CLASS XVIII. ..	280,774	368,900	875,565	1,111,332
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acid, Tartaric	17,272	18,525	32,850	54,687
Calcium Carbide	23,952	4,197	33,219	21,022
Cream of Tartar	63,424	51,716	193,505	141,813
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium ..	12,119	11,156	41,240	45,573
Dyes	51,518	38,671	165,224	132,167
Fertilizers	211,440	243,838	610,137	606,573
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) ..	22,449	27,145	72,570	79,339
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations ..	65,663	60,505	274,911	246,240
Proprietary Medicines	43,041	50,125	137,559	167,430
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash Crystals) ..	59,908	46,265	138,773	109,208
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) ..	38,156	30,314	113,930	89,031
N.E.I.	43,428	35,504	126,243	117,572
Sulphur (Brimstone)	17,753	78,761	124,416	166,753
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	288,786	298,838	912,515	940,760
TOTAL, CLASS XIX. ..	958,909	995,560	2,977,092	2,918,168
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Brushware	68,289	70,086	241,200	286,335
Matches and Vestas	62,215	77,628	193,252	207,844
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos and Parts	133,816	293,353	371,984	848,720
Other and Parts	44,328	51,018	136,398	176,622
Soap	30,410	16,072	80,567	75,352
All other Articles	1,374,204	529,862	3,644,355	1,909,301
TOTAL, CLASS XX. ..	1,713,262	1,038,019	4,667,756	3,504,174
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	587	169	15,621	11,717
Silver	1,679	17,687	7,832	41,374
Bronze Specie .. ..	..	10	5	38
TOTAL, CLASS XXI. ..	2,266	17,866	23,458	53,129
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	13,602,441	14,905,843	41,206,123	43,887,383
Victoria	11,593,828	13,141,860	35,556,086	37,915,749
Queensland	2,898,148	3,023,160	8,065,432	8,862,987
South Australia	2,974,607	3,375,941	8,242,383	9,627,108
Western Australia	2,229,244	1,835,331	5,153,260	5,173,717
Tasmania	442,399	477,472	1,172,824	1,376,710
Northern Territory	3,872	3,823	9,479	10,149
GRAND TOTAL, IMPORTS ..	33,744,539	36,763,430	99,405,587	106,853,803

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—continued.

EXPORTS.

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	2,219,563	2,521,344	5,828,105	4,209,690
Butter Substitutes	26	1,108	20,482	2,080
Cheese	104,752	46,436	213,373	85,848
Meats—				
Potted or Concentrated	6,693	3,829	44,496	23,308
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	127,234	71,360	1,116,971	735,141
Lamb	623,910	212,803	2,460,773	993,813
Mutton	986,621	37,196	1,613,251	140,194
Rabbits and Hares	63,480	36,931	281,693	266,265
Preserved in Tins	57,547	34,861	236,173	128,096
Other	213,532	139,615	735,879	451,168
Milk and Cream	529,220	375,720	1,089,619	899,146
All other Animal Foodstuffs	18,346	10,364	180,779	92,307
Total, Class I.	4,950,924	3,491,567	13,821,594	8,027,066
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Aerated and Mineral Waters, Wine, Unfermented (Grape), &c.	17,258	26,578	43,332	74,931
Biscuits	33,392	33,701	97,370	93,125
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	72,191	21,021	158,327	82,442
Raisins	44,431	12,274	173,086	224,820
Other	47,735	1,760	88,081	12,492
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	336,198	230,610	348,701	246,626
Other	17,879	33,988	141,501	123,728
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	4,554,647	6,498,140	6,000,675	9,678,586
Other	211,318	193,000	481,095	362,161
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	1,416,897	1,410,715	3,265,296	4,014,546
Rice	26,499	29,185	92,793	91,378
Other	12,575	14,956	40,288	49,307
Jams and Fruit Jellies	16,619	16,038	57,422	54,897
Tea	84,812	47,897	186,928	155,826
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	90,877	412,686	358,410	973,885
Total, Class II.	6,983,328	8,982,549	11,533,305	16,238,750

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.	£	£	£	£
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry ..	15,700	12,590	45,903	41,388
Spirits (Beverages)	17,095	16,797	52,969	60,606
Wine	40,871	78,832	135,467	185,498
Total, Class III.	73,666	103,219	234,339	287,492
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	151,648	112,293	536,133	303,230
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	18,662	351	66,341	13,140
Horses	15,885	21,970	100,416	48,119
Sheep	15,175	12,967	40,481	38,344
All other Living Animals	1,703	1,804	9,943	10,653
Total, Class V.	51,425	37,092	217,181	110,256
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse) ..	144,203	233,433	638,407	696,542
Rabbit and Hare	108,536	135,089	1,561,145	908,762
Sheep	673,038	785,470	2,202,740	2,493,020
Other	132,816	78,402	789,037	867,736
Pearlshell	74,615	91,321	275,634	276,099
Wool—				
Greasy	15,822,271	19,089,480	39,017,362	42,905,556
Scoured and Washed	2,532,392	1,738,838	7,977,761	4,827,909
Tops	408,292	310,316	1,109,266	895,550
All other Animal Substances	34,733	44,610	130,938	155,589
Total, Class VI.	19,930,896	22,506,959	53,702,290	54,026,763
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.				
Bark, Tanning	812	1,102	10,169	4,750
Copra	84,693	163,561	468,823	389,973
Sandalwood	17,930	86,701	107,666	267,750
All other Vegetable Substances and Fibres	26,017	35,303	145,905	192,630
Total, Class VII.	129,452	286,667	732,563	855,103

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	5,539	3,083	21,948	16,107
All other Apparel	49,763	36,977	249,006	232,569
All other Textiles, including Bags, Cordage, Yarns, &c.	99,200	94,067	362,857	291,394
Total, Class VIII.	154,502	134,127	633,811	540,070
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Oil—Coconut	16,803	3,362	34,056	7,690
Tallow—Unrefined	415,666	267,232	1,350,484	627,208
All other Oils, Fats and Waxes ..	40,943	59,369	142,719	177,059
Total, Class IX.	473,412	329,963	1,527,259	811,957
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.	15,014	11,732	50,317	33,820
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES.				
Coal	319,572	306,961	1,066,805	1,082,315
Ores and Concentrates—				
Tin	1,263	1,000	1,304	1,000
Wolfram	1,000	50	1,962	1,480
Zinc	307,604	95,563	1,139,767	829,231
Other	127,710	74,631	223,649	465,951
All other Stones and Minerals ..	28,874	3,264	73,122	56,200
Total, Class XI.	786,023	481,469	2,506,609	2,436,177
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Machines and Machinery	102,009	121,678	255,870	353,663
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery.</i>				
Copper—Ingots and in Matte ..	202,602	61,975	455,295	338,989
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, &c.	1,704	4,494	5,376	12,545
Lead—Pig, and in Matte	671,861	960,182	1,962,203	2,369,370
Tin Ingots	104,714	155,144	303,440	372,930
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c.	321,953	289,154	531,118	728,686
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	150,271	126,215	419,735	378,736
Total, Class XII.	1,555,114	1,718,842	3,933,037	4,554,919

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	40,055	24,695	131,624	123,396
Leather and Manufactures ..	192,077	196,398	600,951	602,924
Total, Class XIII. ..	232,132	221,093	732,575	726,320
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
Timber	261,985	386,468	802,914	980,768
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	19,422	21,412	70,741	67,363
Total, Class XIV. ..	281,407	407,880	873,655	1,048,131
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE				
	32,744	37,937	79,544	91,270
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
Paper	12,358	17,460	39,970	47,513
Stationery	46,207	52,056	144,894	223,130
Total, Class XVI. ..	58,565	69,516	184,864	270,643
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, Unset; Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	41,930	51,898	106,234	115,504
All other Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods ..	18,664	19,390	54,967	48,767
Total, Class XVII. ..	60,594	71,288	161,201	164,271
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS ..				
	33,580	50,774	114,881	137,692

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Period.			
	March Quarter.		First Nine Months.	
	1923.	1924.	1922-23.	1923-24.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Fertilizers—				
Ammonium Sulphate	6,454	25,860	22,269	57,683
Superphosphates	26	2	29	6
Other	13,834	8,510	25,536	25,180
Oil—Eucalyptus	4,604	16,935	24,001	49,016
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	109,104	89,643	336,923	310,554
Total, Class XIX.	134,022	140,950	408,758	443,039
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Soap	77,551	70,858	200,706	183,271
Vessels transferred Abroad .. ..	..	22,200	..	217,660
All other Articles	100,154	97,786	280,478	311,967
Total, Class XX.	177,705	190,844	481,184	712,898
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	261,361	1,008,237	1,524,825	2,004,363
Silver	286,052	248,888	817,574	728,920
Bronze Specie .. ..	..	..	..	..
Total, Class XXI.	547,413	1,257,125	2,342,399	2,733,283
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	12,203,489	14,915,362	35,497,652	35,785,829
Victoria	11,381,255	11,167,020	27,397,089	24,170,941
Queensland	3,596,876	2,895,355	12,141,790	10,142,045
South Australia	4,795,303	5,848,547	10,328,222	12,779,401
Western Australia	3,573,617	4,534,076	7,750,810	9,742,195
Tasmania	1,256,947	1,282,529	1,683,067	1,926,966
Northern Territory	6,079	997	8,869	5,763
Total { Australian Produce ..	36,125,859	39,939,512	92,390,390	92,119,047
{ Other Produce	687,707	704,374	2,417,109	2,434,093
GRAND TOTAL, EXPORTS	36,813,566	40,643,886	94,807,499	94,553,140

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, AND DAIRY PRODUCE of
Australian Origin exported from each State to Various Countries during the
first Nine months of the years 1922-23 and 1923-24.**

NOTE.—In this table exports are referred to the State from which they were
finally despatched.

BUTTER (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE) EXPORTED—QUANTITY.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia— Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
United Kingdom ..	80,261	256,900	113,924	27,723	127	4,452	483,387	678,072
Ceylon ..	279	1,651	83	..	..	..	2,013	2,407
China ..	1,511	2,832	104	..	..	..	4,447	3,769
Egypt ..	283	1,825	280	..	..	..	2,388	2,543
France ..	809	3,490	..	..	..	..	4,299	5,478
French Indo-China ..	..	32	35	..	..	..	67	20
Hong Kong ..	1,569	405	27	..	..	..	2,001	3,872
India ..	..	31	6	..	..	..	37	113
Japan ..	1,105	332	153	..	..	..	1,590	3,289
Korea ..	..	161	93	..	..	..	254	153
Malaya (British) ..	196	3,925	159	98	2	..	4,380	8,548
Mauritius ..	..	602	..	..	..	..	602	525
Netherlands East Indies ..	1,376	32,191	504	4	..	..	34,075	40,634
Pacific Islands—								
Fiji ..	12	13	..	..	..	..	25	163
New Caledonia ..	169	..	..	..	..	..	169	413
Territory of New Guinea ..	177	..	113	..	..	..	290	280
Other Islands ..	225	6	28	..	..	..	259	456
Papua ..	97	..	215	..	..	..	312	312
Philippine Islands ..	1,041	170	811	..	..	..	2,022	3,613
Siam ..	..	174	135	..	..	..	309	360
South African Union ..	257	5,819	252	1,768	..	..	8,096	59
United States ..	11	..	..	..	..	..	11	862
Other Countries ..	55	59	12	..	..	..	126	189
Total, 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	89,433	310,618	116,934	29,593	129	4,452	551,159	..
1922-23 ..	119,499	398,981	197,266	31,841	..	8,543	..	756,130

BUTTER (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE) EXPORTED—VALUE.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia— Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	606,428	1,935,191	801,096	203,973	949	34,435	3,582,072	5,105,932
Ceylon ..	2,162	13,634	621	..	..	..	16,417	20,468
China ..	13,491	26,371	1,018	..	..	..	40,880	32,756
Egypt ..	2,045	13,883	1,858	..	..	..	17,786	19,590
France ..	7,000	26,172	..	..	..	..	33,172	42,264
French Indo-China ..	..	277	347	..	..	..	624	175
Hong Kong ..	13,088	3,329	213	..	..	..	16,630	32,930
India ..	..	260	66	..	..	..	326	1,164
Japan ..	10,187	3,294	1,185	..	..	..	14,666	28,572
Korea ..	..	1,566	953	..	..	..	2,519	1,542
Malaya, (British) ..	1,615	34,770	1,298	878	21	..	38,582	75,034
Mauritius ..	..	6,199	..	..	..	..	6,199	5,720
Netherlands East Indies ..	12,128	284,613	4,820	45	..	..	301,006	375,722
Pacific Islands—								
Fiji ..	120	128	..	..	..	..	248	1,635
New Caledonia ..	1,589	..	..	..	..	..	1,589	3,789
Territory of New Guinea ..	1,681	..	1,213	..	..	..	2,894	2,780
Other Islands ..	2,215	54	304	..	..	..	2,573	4,393
Papua ..	938	..	2,224	..	..	..	3,162	3,101
Philippine Islands ..	8,850	1,374	8,441	..	..	..	18,665	30,234
Siam ..	..	1,665	1,340	..	..	..	3,005	3,655
South African Union ..	1,999	44,785	1,601	13,522	..	..	61,907	656
United States ..	118	..	..	..	..	..	118	6,536
Other Countries ..	555	669	128	..	..	..	1,352	1,755
Total, 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	686,209	2,398,234	828,726	218,418	970	34,435	4,166,902	..
1922-23 ..	950,567	3,021,642	1,499,928	268,092	..	60,174	..	5,800,403

FLOUR (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE) EXPORTED—QUANTITY.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom ..	Cental. 302,784	Cental. 654,122	Cental. 41	Cental. 340,468	Cental. 162,495	Cental. ..	Cental. 1,459,910	Cental. 844,976
Africa, Portuguese East ..	..	52,405	..	..	..	..	52,405	50,980
Ceylon ..	14,151	107,131	..	14,075	5,760	..	141,117	110,374
China ..	118,235	138,000	..	..	..	..	256,235	3,525
Egypt ..	690,601	908,605	20,163	287,956	633,129	..	2,540,454	*2,043,110
French Indo-China ..	14,088	19,158	..	..	..	..	33,246	26,343
Hong Kong ..	15,040	175,660	..	..	40	..	190,740	109,660
India ..	..	..	..	..	2,400	..	2,400	18,321
Japan ..	287,424	16,057	..	4,977	..	..	308,458	18,183
Malaya (British) ..	212,702	114,249	..	46,154	161,235	..	534,340	466,249
Malta ..	47,037	31,363	..	10,372	4,480	..	93,252	104,789
Mauritius ..	..	116,495	..	..	4,479	..	120,974	141,541
Netherlands ..	90,425	30,194	..	..	24,640	..	145,259	3,900
Netherlands East Indies ..	267,326	339,652	..	49,624	113,367	..	769,969	742,581
New Zealand ..	3,015	1,299	..	..	..	..	4,314	549
Pacific Islands—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji ..	45,205	302	..	..	..	..	45,507	40,758
New Caledonia ..	57,795	..	..	..	..	..	57,795	53,724
New Hebrides ..	5,882	..	..	..	..	..	5,882	4,800
Society Islands ..	4,563	871	..	..	..	..	5,434	1,984
Territory of New Guinea ..	4,770	..	4	..	..	..	4,774	5,306
Tonga ..	21,435	1,060	..	..	..	..	22,495	6,822
Other Islands ..	16,095	1,469	..	..	..	..	17,564	14,907
Papua ..	11,222	..	149	..	..	..	11,371	8,708
Philippine Islands ..	198,518	24,011	..	..	1,920	..	224,449	174,037
South African Union ..	10,006	359,730	..	185,844	2,284	..	557,864	569,833
Other Countries ..	24,646	95,746	1,459	6,804	70	291	129,016	58,560
Total, 9 months—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1923-24 ..	2,462,965	3,187,579	21,816	946,274	1,116,299	291	7,735,224	..
1922-23 ..	1,315,497	2,557,084	186	796,431	950,846	4,480	..	5,624,524

* Includes 20,162 cents for orders.

FLOUR (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE) EXPORTED—VALUE.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom ..	£ 149,161	£ 328,343	£ 35	£ 167,121	£ 85,127	£ ..	£ 729,787	£ 479,891
Africa, Portuguese East ..	..	27,315	..	..	..	..	27,315	29,853
Ceylon ..	6,588	55,915	..	7,091	3,096	..	72,690	62,011
China ..	60,086	67,380	..	..	..	..	127,466	2,138
Egypt ..	345,696	455,520	9,820	142,944	317,663	..	1,271,643	*1,137,124
French Indo-China ..	7,875	10,398	..	..	..	..	18,273	16,623
Hong Kong ..	8,453	93,998	..	..	27	..	102,478	62,127
India ..	..	..	..	..	1,189	..	1,189	11,652
Japan ..	151,111	8,129	..	2,721	..	..	161,961	10,597
Malaya (British) ..	127,814	65,348	..	24,746	91,848	..	309,756	295,560
Malta ..	21,369	15,228	..	5,129	2,240	..	43,966	57,903
Mauritius ..	..	55,824	..	..	1,700	..	57,524	78,155
Netherlands ..	45,723	15,723	..	..	12,432	..	73,878	2,075
Netherlands East Indies ..	154,609	187,714	..	26,950	64,894	..	434,167	460,486
New Zealand ..	1,605	633	..	..	..	..	2,238	336
Pacific Islands—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji ..	24,534	163	..	..	..	..	24,697	24,967
New Caledonia ..	30,864	..	..	..	..	..	30,864	31,765
New Hebrides ..	3,086	..	..	..	..	..	3,086	2,903
Society Islands ..	2,447	435	..	..	..	..	2,882	1,180
Territory of New Guinea ..	2,713	..	2	..	..	..	2,715	3,594
Tonga ..	11,434	577	..	..	..	..	12,011	4,058
Other Islands ..	8,706	851	..	..	..	..	9,557	9,248
Papua ..	6,258	..	107	..	..	..	6,365	5,522
Philippine Islands ..	110,899	12,831	..	..	1,057	..	124,787	108,572
South African Union ..	5,278	191,028	..	102,878	1,265	..	300,449	330,996
Other Countries ..	13,600	44,270	711	4,014	32	175	62,802	35,960
Total, 9 months—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1923-24 ..	1,299,909	1,637,623	10,675	483,594	582,570	175	4,014,546	..
1922-23 ..	800,120	1,468,724	166	463,407	530,556	2,323	..	3,265,296

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* Includes £12,727 for orders.

WHEAT (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE) EXPORTED—QUANTITY.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom ..	Cental. 622,180	Cental. 1,765,789	Cental. ..	Cental. 2,068,655	Cental. 2,002,103	Cental. ..	Cental. 7,358,727	Cental. 3,517,999
United Kingdom (for Orders) ..	..	..	..	221,585	..	..	221,585	168,486
Algeria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	324,000
Belgium ..	33,518	11,793	..	144,897	28,003	..	218,211	107,358
Canary Islands (for Orders) ..	162,043	173,339	..	330,258	..	..	665,640	1,770,107
Cape Verde Islands (for Orders) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	522,392
China ..	184,763	587,917	..	585,105	220,750	..	1,578,535	22,487
Egypt ..	..	55,846	..	852,338	95,190	..	151,036	174,058
Egypt (for Orders) ..	530,129	587,270	..	..	..	..	1,117,399	725,901
France ..	53,941	126,521	..	661,135	..	..	841,597	1
Germany ..	..	..	..	66,257	..	..	66,257	8
Greece ..	..	66,498	..	..	..	..	66,498	91
Guam (for Orders) ..	..	..	..	551,627	..	..	551,627	610,200
Italy ..	13,559	662,172	..	..	318,138	..	1,846,207	2,728,807
Japan ..	303,947	2,455,346	..	3,224,650	1,779,249	..	7,763,192	512,086
Malta ..	..	..	..	10,502	..	..	10,502	11,116
Netherlands ..	13,380	4,550	..	63,296	..	..	81,226	..
New Zealand ..	22,326	..	..	87,136	..	..	109,462	..
Peru ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48,364
Port Said (for Orders) ..	..	..	..	401,917	..	..	401,917	653,319
South African Union ..	112	215,234	..	1,017,688	167,583	..	1,400,617	1,162,239
Spain ..	..	..	..	..	115,954	..	115,954	..
St. Vincent Island (for Orders) ..	..	152,566	..	..	..	..	152,566	312,873
Sweden ..	44,852	110,944	..	233,725	..	..	389,521	..
Other Countries ..	1,466	600	24	..	27	..	2,117	2,844
Total, 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	1,986,216	6,976,385	24	11,420,771	4,726,997	..	25,110,393	..
1922-23 ..	1,433,742	3,606,062	29	5,799,157	2,533,806	..	..	13,372,796

WHEAT (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE) EXPORTED—VALUE.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom ..	£ 253,846	£ 675,741	£ ..	£ 1,138,108	£ 754,550	£ ..	£ 2,822,245	£ 1,603,180
United Kingdom (for Orders) ..	..	..	..	85,485	..	..	85,485	73,844
Algeria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	138,464
Belgium ..	14,467	4,422	..	55,271	10,988	..	85,148	47,586
Canary Islands (for Orders) ..	63,936	70,186	..	134,541	..	..	268,663	785,895
Cape Verde Islands (for Orders) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	242,104
China ..	70,996	199,267	..	224,267	83,946	..	578,476	10,003
Egypt ..	..	23,794	..	..	36,984	..	60,778	70,655
Egypt (for Orders) ..	215,457	238,966	..	..	..	..	454,423	328,345
France ..	21,615	48,218	..	251,995	..	..	321,823	1
Germany ..	..	..	..	23,531	..	..	23,531	5
Greece ..	..	26,784	..	..	..	..	26,784	53
Guam (for Orders) ..	..	..	..	206,594	..	..	206,594	264,859
Italy ..	5,650	267,993	..	331,805	129,541	..	734,989	1,207,945
Japan ..	114,563	938,659	..	1,224,117	676,876	..	2,954,215	224,267
Malta ..	..	..	..	4,207	..	..	4,207	5,098
Netherlands ..	5,658	1,761	..	23,692	..	..	31,111	..
New Zealand ..	8,853	..	..	33,857	..	..	42,710	..
Peru ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28,695
Port Said (for Orders) ..	..	..	..	149,494	..	..	149,494	283,535
South African Union ..	69	87,485	..	403,576	73,956	..	565,086	534,679
Spain ..	..	..	..	..	45,105	..	45,105	..
St. Vincent Island (for Orders) ..	..	66,914	..	..	..	..	66,914	143,962
Sweden ..	18,844	43,994	..	86,886	..	..	149,724	..
Other Countries ..	765	281	17	..	13	..	1,076	1,600
Total, 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	794,719	2,694,465	17	4,377,426	1,811,959	..	9,678,586	..
1922-23 ..	658,119	1,644,806	21	2,542,266	1,155,463	..	..	6,000,675

WOOL, GREASY (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—QUANTITY.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom	Cental. 472,827	Cental. 392,857	Cental. 135,799	Cental. 210,925	Cental. 234,288	Cental. 29,804	Cental. 1,476,500	Cental. 2,334,426
Belgium ..	199,245	44,370	97,492	14,882	36,871	392	393,252	305,017
Canada ..	650	4,512	..	501	..	434	6,097	11,434
China ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,288
Denmark ..	..	..	..	1,391	..	..	1,391	..
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
France ..	547,882	212,663	151,890	141,165	41,289	10,864	1,105,753	1,169,663
Germany ..	139,400	45,558	53,555	17,646	10,654	752	267,565	264,321
India ..	413	11,604	..	80	228	115	12,440	944
Italy ..	94,836	63,195	39,017	10,995	3,617	2,636	214,296	240,304
Japan ..	218,840	76,872	71,653	..	..	..	367,365	421,922
Netherlands ..	75,080	18,341	26,894	9,510	7,280	833	137,938	14,650
New Zealand ..	347	552	..	..	..	..	899	1,526
Norway ..	44	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Philippine Islands	..	22	..	..	..	..	42	73
South African Union	..	156	..	..	..	..	156	..
Spain ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	104
Sweden ..	4,644	2,312	375	..	..	..	7,331	3,834
Switzerland ..	1,851	..	..	..	..	..	1,851	607
United States ..	71,492	136,935	10,379	27,783	42,647	22,016	311,252	400,452
Total 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	1,827,551	1,009,954	587,054	434,878	376,874	67,846	4,304,157	..
1922-23 ..	2,130,726	1,348,541	827,681	431,263	348,716	83,661	..	5,170,588

WOOL, GREASY (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—VALUE.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom	£ 4,983,967	£ 4,269,075	£ 1,143,637	£ 2,004,103	£ 2,169,247	£ 336,907	£ 14,906,936	£ 17,467,220
Belgium ..	1,817,821	436,332	918,003	118,256	285,686	4,166	3,580,264	1,821,681
Canada ..	8,606	37,322	..	5,351	..	5,240	56,519	84,095
China ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,591
Denmark ..	..	..	..	10,647	..	..	10,647	..
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48
France ..	4,925,653	1,885,489	1,458,184	1,133,982	360,254	122,843	9,886,405	7,450,179
Germany ..	1,280,028	493,575	511,230	158,256	103,548	8,558	2,555,195	2,062,213
India ..	2,398	68,377	..	668	2,195	890	74,528	2,699
Italy ..	920,213	640,681	396,014	99,020	33,857	32,496	2,122,281	1,953,126
Japan ..	2,343,145	921,254	753,420	..	..	..	4,017,819	4,012,608
Netherlands ..	783,354	186,117	291,599	86,332	72,131	10,332	1,429,865	115,349
New Zealand ..	3,855	7,747	..	..	..	..	11,602	18,912
Norway ..	274	35	..	..	..	..	309	..
Philippine Islands	..	288	..	..	..	..	288	608
South African Union	..	916	..	..	..	..	916	..
Spain ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	251
Sweden ..	47,477	25,172	4,047	..	..	..	76,696	39,522
Switzerland ..	26,284	..	..	..	..	..	26,284	6,747
United States ..	957,231	1,854,389	127,134	323,150	590,510	295,968	4,148,382	3,971,513
Total 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	18,100,306	10,826,769	5,603,268	3,939,765	3,617,428	817,400	42,904,936	..
1922-23 ..	15,670,957	10,330,762	6,406,996	3,153,638	2,695,647	759,362	..	39,017,362

WOOL, SCOURED (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—QUANTITY.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
United Kingdom ..	62,908	41,145	49,667	17,040	10,563	1,180	182,503	644,519
Belgium " (a) ..	11,215	7	11,655	2,126	663	..	7	99
Canada (a) ..	1,871	1,394	..	..	..	..	27,167	30,276
" (a) ..	2,593	..	..	..	..	..	1,871	..
China ..	42	17	..	..	..	..	1,394	2,073
" (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,593	5,589
Denmark ..	..	32	..	..	..	..	59	629
Finland ..	..	182	..	..	..	..	..	257
France ..	40,658	12,888	17,157	2,536	376	..	182	..
" (a) ..	989	..	..	..	..	..	73,615	98,758
Germany.. (a) ..	12,213	616	6,413	501	16	..	989	100
" ..	174	..	..	..	..	..	19,759	47,681
India ..	310	1,070	..	..	..	..	174	..
Italy ..	1,683	1,688	780	141	10	..	1,380	40
Japan ..	5,852	2,148	..	..	..	..	4,302	8,546
" (a) ..	25,652	7,591	..	..	..	..	8,000	6,812
New Zealand ..	51	..	..	..	..	..	33,243	41,700
Netherlands ..	6,151	1,384	1,548	156	280	..	51	70
Norway ..	..	434	..	..	..	..	9,519	3,584
Philippine Islands ..	182	119	..	..	..	..	434	731
South African Union ..	464	35	..	..	..	..	301	232
Spain ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	499	247
Sweden ..	..	69	20	..	..	..	..	26
United States ..	3,865	378	48	..	..	..	89	139
" " (a) ..	200	..	..	..	..	..	4,291	38,435
Total, 9 months—							200	3,419
1923-24 ..	177,073	72,705	87,288	22,500	11,908	1,180	372,654	..
1922-23 ..	379,274	376,006	124,989	30,956	22,692	45	..	933,962

(a) Tops.

WOOL, SCOURED (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—VALUE.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	824,133	524,053	798,757	203,508	154,866	15,997	2,521,314	5,328,961
Belgium " (a) ..	..	60	..	..	..	..	60	2,358
" (a) ..	131,126	19,711	204,699	33,026	9,454	..	398,016	283,178
Canada ..	39,080	17,180	..	..	..	..	39,080	..
" (a) ..	45,997	..	..	..	..	..	17,180	20,065
China ..	510	243	..	..	..	..	45,997	70,942
" (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	753	3,500
Denmark ..	..	393	..	..	..	..	..	2
Finland ..	..	4,650	..	..	..	..	393	2,648
France ..	629,403	157,381	307,004	39,244	3,798	..	4,650	..
" (a) ..	24,718	..	..	..	..	..	1,136,830	980,975
Germany.. (a) ..	186,999	9,965	119,469	4,095	342	..	24,718	2,760
" ..	4,700	..	..	..	..	..	320,870	628,681
India ..	2,764	11,009	..	..	..	..	4,700	..
Italy ..	29,775	25,863	16,160	3,015	60	..	13,773	125
Japan ..	70,713	21,606	..	..	..	..	74,873	132,266
" (a) ..	612,190	164,975	..	..	..	..	92,319	58,967
New Zealand ..	1,200	..	..	..	..	..	777,165	955,837
Netherlands ..	100,069	26,969	28,722	2,633	3,153	..	1,200	275
Norway ..	..	4,621	..	..	..	..	161,546	52,489
Philippine Islands ..	2,089	1,388	..	..	..	..	4,621	6,481
South African Union ..	3,668	538	..	..	..	..	3,477	2,151
Spain ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,206	1,330
Sweden ..	..	1,632	287	..	..	..	..	204
United States ..	60,004	8,895	1,070	..	..	..	1,919	1,613
" " (a) ..	3,830	..	..	..	..	..	69,969	473,852
Total, 9 months—							3,830	77,367
1923-24 ..	2,772,968	1,001,132	1,476,168	285,521	171,673	15,997	5,723,459	..
1922-23 ..	3,890,571	3,130,570	1,630,389	235,636	199,661	200	..	9,087,027

(a) Tops.

BEEF, FROZEN (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—QUANTITY.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom ..	Cental. 1,730	Cental. 11,624	Cental. 286,594	Cental. 1,612	Cental. 32,590	Cental. ..	Cental. 334,150	Cental. 675,353
Belgium ..	..	..	24,484	..	42,053	..	66,537	..
Ceylon ..	225	3	1,978	..	..	..	2,206	3,265
Egypt ..	434	3	13,801	..	4,318	..	18,556	22,581
France ..	..	..	6,252	..	..	..	6,252	12,818
Germany ..	..	..	37,147	..	..	..	37,147	143,641
Hong Kong ..	808	..	9,743	..	..	..	10,551	3,755
Italy ..	5,884	600	16,810	..	..	..	23,294	..
Japan ..	14	..	7,316	..	..	..	7,330	3,673
Malaya (British) ..	1,139	78	14,879	..	..	..	16,096	15,591
Malta ..	..	..	13,581	..	..	..	13,581	6,850
Netherlands ..	..	..	1,642	..	..	..	1,642	4,901
Netherlands East Indies	12	484	797	..	1,816	..	3,109	6,512
Pacific Islands—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawaiian Islands ..	2,150	..	..	..	..	..	2,150	16,775
Philippine Islands ..	..	..	60,316	..	..	..	63,457	35,720
Other Countries ..	1,502	..	6,842	..	..	..	8,344	6,715
Total, 9 months—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1923-24 ..	17,039	12,792	502,182	1,612	80,777	..	614,402	..
1922-23 ..	61,722	24,167	791,230	7,933	73,098	..	..	958,150

BEEF, FROZEN (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—VALUE.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom ..	£ 2,538	£ 12,866	£ 312,123	£ 1,950	£ 39,500	£ ..	£ 368,977	£ 761,530
Belgium ..	..	..	33,742	..	50,000	..	83,742	..
Ceylon ..	538	13	3,979	..	..	..	4,530	6,161
Egypt ..	460	5	16,859	..	7,716	..	25,040	23,444
France ..	..	..	7,101	..	..	..	7,101	15,871
Germany ..	..	..	43,499	..	..	..	43,499	164,670
Hong Kong ..	1,618	..	12,264	..	..	..	13,882	4,921
Italy ..	9,204	750	20,340	..	..	..	30,294	..
Japan ..	26	..	10,604	..	..	..	10,630	4,767
Malaya (British) ..	3,238	325	20,872	..	..	..	24,435	24,845
Malta ..	..	..	23,221	..	..	..	23,221	8,128
Netherlands ..	..	..	1,454	..	..	..	1,454	6,290
Netherlands East Indies	72	1,136	1,726	..	2,932	..	5,866	10,571
Pacific Islands—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawaiian Islands ..	3,651	..	..	..	..	..	3,651	23,140
Philippine Islands ..	6,711	..	72,275	..	..	..	78,986	48,081
Other Countries ..	3,326	..	6,545	..	..	..	9,871	9,552
Total, 9 months—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1923-24 ..	31,382	15,095	586,604	1,950	100,148	..	735,179	..
1922-23 ..	100,059	32,073	852,867	9,919	122,053	..	..	1,116,971

MUTTON AND LAMB, FROZEN (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—QUANTITY.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia— Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
United Kingdom ..	118,817	220,883	..	10,907	4,386	..	354,993	1,533,066
Canada ..	2,217	..	..	..	..	..	2,217	2,033
Ceylon ..	2,566	..	..	..	..	..	2,566	2,224
Egypt ..	2,846	405	..	..	..	..	3,251	7,081
Germany ..	15	..	..	..	..	..	15	5,575
Gibraltar ..	1,345	..	..	..	..	..	1,345	979
Hong Kong ..	3,226	..	222	..	..	..	3,448	2,913
Japan ..	4,795	..	..	..	..	..	4,795	116
Malaya (British) ..	4,139	1,227	1,108	..	..	..	6,474	8,882
Pacific Islands—								
Hawaiian Islands ..	1,760	..	..	..	..	..	1,760	2,663
Philippine Islands ..	1,447	..	11	..	..	..	1,458	1,524
South African Union ..	..	1,113	..	..	..	..	1,113	1,113
Other Countries ..	861	45	4	..	..	..	910	2,776
Total, 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	144,034	223,673	1,345	10,907	4,386	..	384,345	..
1922-23 ..	583,227	889,553	27,476	62,034	8,655	..	..	1,570,945

MUTTON AND LAMB, FROZEN (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—VALUE.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia— Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	349,551	661,607	..	31,946	12,535	..	1,055,639	3,986,971
Canada ..	5,498	..	..	..	..	..	5,498	3,944
Ceylon ..	7,585	..	..	..	..	..	7,585	5,676
Egypt ..	6,617	1,013	..	..	..	..	7,630	13,080
Germany ..	48	..	..	..	..	..	48	12,566
Gibraltar ..	3,151	..	..	..	..	..	3,151	1,486
Hong Kong ..	9,811	..	461	..	..	..	10,272	8,039
Japan ..	10,360	..	..	..	..	..	10,360	222
Malaya (British) ..	12,263	4,019	2,769	..	..	..	19,051	22,392
Pacific Islands—								
Hawaiian Islands ..	5,305	..	..	..	..	..	5,305	8,621
Philippine Islands ..	4,321	..	21	..	..	..	4,342	4,279
South African Union ..	..	2,782	..	..	..	..	2,782	1,995
Other Countries ..	2,214	117	13	..	..	..	2,344	4,843
Total, 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	416,724	669,538	3,264	31,946	12,535	..	1,134,007	..
1922-23 ..	1,539,969	2,255,075	45,834	205,714	27,432	..	..	4,074,024

MEATS, PRESERVED IN TINS (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—QUANTITY.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom ..	Cental. 1,200	Cental. 1,627	Cental. 14,764	Cental. 3,135	..	..	Cental. 20,726	Cental. 66,483
Belgium ..	..	..	..	1,199	..	..	1,199	164
Canada ..	585	..	..	..	..	..	585	416
Ceylon ..	213	97	24	..	1	..	335	137
China ..	58	23	..	..	..	..	81	15
Egypt ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	258
Germany ..	12	..	4	480	..	..	496	873
Hong Kong ..	384	..	14	..	..	..	398	101
India ..	64	76	158	..	..	..	298	3,247
Japan ..	4,057	3	36	..	..	..	4,096	39
Malaya (British) ..	234	41	87	..	2	..	364	314
Netherlands East Indies ..	1,085	240	159	..	..	..	1,484	1,612
Pacific Islands—								
Fiji ..	998	..	..	..	..	..	998	185
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony ..	474	589	..	..	..	..	1,063	1,765
Hawaiian Islands ..	331	..	..	..	..	..	331	450
Solomon Islands ..	1,422	..	170	..	..	..	1,592	1,911
Territory of New Guinea ..	3,852	..	57	..	..	..	3,909	3,207
Other Islands ..	813	14	..	..	..	..	827	1,020
Papua ..	1,778	..	67	..	..	..	1,845	1,623
South African Union ..	879	38	..	..	..	..	917	1,988
United States ..	..	72	..	..	..	..	72	864
Other Countries ..	150	7	2	96	..	..	255	175
Total, 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	18,591	2,827	15,542	4,910	3	..	41,873	..
1922-23 ..	45,686	13,192	24,701	3,268	..	..	..	86,847

MEATS, PRESERVED IN TINS (AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE), EXPORTED—VALUE.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1923-24.	1922-23.
United Kingdom ..	£ 2,251	£ 2,528	£ 52,130	£ 4,225	£ ..	£ ..	£ 61,134	£ 166,242
Belgium ..	..	..	..	1,676	..	..	1,676	856
Canada ..	1,768	..	..	..	..	..	1,768	1,378
Ceylon ..	870	492	137	..	4	..	1,503	703
China ..	152	128	3	..	..	..	283	63
Egypt ..	8	..	..	..	..	..	8	733
Germany ..	23	..	14	678	..	..	715	1,516
Hong Kong ..	1,395	..	80	..	..	..	1,475	338
India ..	240	450	856	..	..	..	1,555	16,324
Japan ..	13,868	19	75	..	..	..	13,962	178
Malaya (British) ..	1,674	238	557	..	16	..	2,485	1,711
Netherlands East Indies ..	3,742	902	632	..	..	..	5,276	5,782
Pacific Islands—								
Fiji ..	2,846	..	..	..	..	..	2,846	619
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony ..	1,436	949	..	..	..	..	2,385	4,446
Hawaiian Islands ..	1,064	..	..	..	..	..	1,064	1,538
Solomon Islands ..	3,596	..	357	..	..	..	3,953	4,787
Territory of New Guinea ..	11,189	..	312	..	..	..	11,501	11,543
Other Islands ..	2,700	67	..	..	..	..	2,767	2,839
Papua ..	5,683	..	321	..	..	..	6,004	5,119
South African Union ..	2,729	123	..	..	..	..	2,852	5,718
United States ..	..	128	..	..	..	..	128	1,200
Other Countries ..	561	44	11	125	..	..	741	851
Total, 9 months—								
1923-24 ..	57,804	6,068	55,485	6,704	20	..	126,081	..
1922-23 ..	111,900	36,082	80,948	5,554	..	..	..	234,484

Section IV.—Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

RECEIPTS 1918-19 TO 1922-23.

Sources of Revenue.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
TAXATION—	£	£	£	£	£
Customs	11,605,410	13,705,220	21,731,210	17,328,310	22,597,306
Excise	5,821,560	7,869,339	10,078,696	10,302,049	10,274,823
Land Tax	2,109,171	2,110,306	2,155,699	2,284,040	2,018,876
Probate and Succession Duties ..	923,908	1,441,819	1,179,513	991,378	1,172,935
Income Tax	10,376,456	12,848,123	14,351,408	16,790,682	12,904,518
Entertainment Tax	358,126	557,911	649,828	675,675	629,802
War-Time Profits Tax	1,206,538	2,569,012	2,083,139	1,306,708	286,757
War Postage	463,317	745,962	197,928	..	..
Total Taxation	32,864,486	41,847,692	52,427,421	49,678,842	49,885,017
Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones ..	6,110,522	6,744,755	8,388,569	9,320,654	9,792,273
Patents, Trade Marks, etc. ..	23,623	34,066	40,639	41,393	40,491
Coinage	125,634	76,439	106,373	178,439	137,696
Detained Enemy Vessels	1,671,905	344,411	131,763	..	..
Commonwealth Government Steamers, Surplus Earnings	1,015,762	..	137,959	..	..
Defence, including Balance of Trust Account	447,868	453,731	301,978	353,382	222,308
Quarantine	44,118	62,053	42,972	42,639	41,388
Lighthouse and Light Dues	125,231	153,992	180,105	171,967	173,363
Federal Capital Territory	35,434	26,898	33,102	33,894	..
Northern Territory	62,439	38,880	47,713	43,951	28,188
Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta Railway ..	150,856	233,564	221,387	201,084	215,368
Darwin-Katharine River Railway ..	45,725	31,783	12,761	14,370	14,768
Sugar	6,547	10,279	15,003	183,737	168,709
Interest on Loans, Advances, etc. ..	1,479,050	1,583,640	1,992,082	} 4,632,694	4,001,066
Miscellaneous	507,718	1,140,919	1,437,781		
Total	44,716,918	52,783,102	65,517,608	64,897,046	64,720,635
PER HEAD OF POPULATION—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	6 9 4	7 17 9	9 13 9	9 0 4	8 17 1
Total Revenue	8 16 0	9 18 11	12 2 2	11 15 7	11 9 9

DISBURSEMENTS 1918-19 TO 1922-23.

Departments, etc.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
GOVERNOR-GENERAL—	£	£	£	£	£
Salary	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Governor-General's Establishment, etc. ..	4,390	9,252	13,450	11,708	11,047
Governor-General's Office*	9,485	7,963	7,257	6,189	6,998
Total	23,875	27,215	30,707	27,897	28,045
PARLIAMENT—					
Salaries of Ministers	15,300	15,231	15,368	15,300	14,598
Allowance to Senators	20,760	22,376	34,710	34,916	} 100,065
Allowances to Members of House of Representatives	42,261	40,993	69,133	69,395	
Officers, Staff, Contingencies, etc. ..	37,584	43,407	62,723	63,253	58,256
Repairs, Maintenance, Insurance ..	1,910	2,006	2,028	2,671	2,142
Printing	26,883	21,347	23,810	24,912	23,108
Travelling Expenses of Members and Others	8,913	9,379	11,996	12,262	29,300
Electoral Office	53,159	60,677	70,200	72,816	} 213,217
Election Expenses	2,459	89,752	3,037	5,201	
Referenda .. .. .	..	8,358	..	..
Administration of Electoral Act	31,460	33,859	28,477	42,548	} 5,778
Miscellaneous	5,044	1,030	1,872	2,718	
Total	245,713	348,415	323,359	346,192	446,464

* Includes expenditure on cablegrams, etc., transmitted by the Governor-General on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Disbursements—continued.

Departments, etc.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
PRIME MINISTER—	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries, Contingencies, etc.	33,328	29,126	32,876	38,191	38,896
High Commissioner's Office	57,106	66,037	75,764	69,417	59,024
Australian Commissioner in U.S.A.	4,992	15,727	12,215	9,352	6,466
Public Service Commissioner's Office	23,129	26,757	30,546	34,959	33,745
Audit Office	25,586	27,743	32,212	34,689	35,754
Executive Council	177	210	250	165	..
Shipping and Mails to Pacific Islands	28,800	21,600	43,501	49,167	46,805
Immigration . . . . .	..	..	..	72,175	69,560
Interest on Loans	39,253	47,943	39,562	204,316	439,054
Payments to Sinking Fund	2,473	2,474	473	550	31,013
Miscellaneous	30,209	94,120	193,931	220,547	148,210
Total	245,053	331,737	461,330	733,528	908,527
HOME AND TERRITORIES—					
Chief Office	16,156	18,528	21,756	21,594	21,141
Lands and Surveys	15,935	17,280	22,236	22,226	15,034
Census and Statistics	16,248	16,795	17,713	18,936	20,438
Meteorological Bureau	28,209	29,706	84,922	88,932	80,911
Papua	51,260	51,492	62,656	179,245	80,894
Federal Capital Territory	24,142	25,433	27,242	32,741	..
Rents, Repairs, Supervision, etc.	14,905	13,214	16,380	15,975	23,154
Interest on Transferred Properties	678	2,004	5,496	2,941	2,517
Interest on Loans	23,909	24,132	20,526	20,112	29,347
Payments to Sinking Fund	1,996	1,996	1,940	1,863	3,000
Miscellaneous*	11,947	11,338	174,332	82,352	53,710
Total	205,385	211,968	455,199	486,917	330,146
NORTHERN TERRITORY, AND PORT AUGUSTA—					
ODDNADATTA RAILWAY—					
Northern Territory Administration	72,761	76,379	79,402	71,494	70,064
Lands and Surveys	8,608	8,181	23,292	14,468	7,348
Goldfields and Mining	16,611	15,918			
Darwin—Katharine River Railway (Working Expenses)	52,815	50,647	27,601	24,440	30,773
Interest	155,265	123,482	148,879	99,429	102,891
Payments to Sinking Fund	6,295	9,245	6,436	6,195	6,869
Miscellaneous	4,722	11,632	8,181	17,204	8,714
PORT AUGUSTA—ODDNADATTA RAILWAY—					
Loss on Working	25,792	46,187	30,861	53,131	70,266
Interest on Loans	81,350	59,386	99,297	78,187	77,336
Sinking Funds	4,398	6,093	5,921	5,910	5,839
Interest on S. Aust. Rolling Stock	5,720	5,720	5,720	6,435	6,793
Miscellaneous	354	900	894	849	813
Total	434,891	412,770	436,484	377,742	387,706
WORKS AND RAILWAYS—					
Administrative Staff	22,949	28,140	31,106	33,724	32,276
Public Works Staff and Supervision of Works	3,484	9,357	11,358	10,706	6,782
Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta Railway (Working Expenses)	237,204	264,798	292,167	255,776	*249,289
Commonwealth Railways, Miscellaneous	7,665	2,766	1,987	23,612	1,452
Rent, Repairs, etc.	1,875	3,286	4,671	4,637	5,526
Interest on Transferred Properties	403	403	374	374	..
Interest on Loans	226,083	232,947	162,131	89,401	121,161
Payments to Sinking Funds	11,957	11,957	11,677	11,677	14,606
Main Roads Development . . . . .	..	..	..	..	500,000
Miscellaneous (General)	15,842	5,852	12,627	10,468	4,394
Total	527,462	559,506	528,098	440,375	935,486
ATTORNEY-GENERAL—					
Secretary's Office	12,043	16,204	20,976	18,358	20,010
Crown Solicitor's Office	12,943	16,042	17,879	18,248	18,829
Salaries of Justices of High Court	21,500	21,216	21,556	21,500	21,500
High Court Expenses	8,837	11,922	12,925	12,276	13,957
Court of Conciliation and Arbitration	6,242	7,650	10,998	4,949	7,132
Rent, Repairs, etc.	4,839	4,733	5,889	8,200	12,797
Patents, Trade Marks, etc.	23,875	32,320	43,179	43,602	43,973
Miscellaneous	4,940	2,632	4,462	20,912	24,599
Total	95,219	112,719	137,864	148,045	162,797

* Includes cost of Census, £149,150 in 1920-21, £62,283 in 1921-22, and £22,331 in 1922-23.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Disbursements—continued.

Departments, etc.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
TREASURY—	£	£	£	£	£
Treasury	32,072	48,393	61,139	56,084	50,698
Old-age Pensions—Salaries, etc. ..	61,406	73,509	85,016	88,687	84,535
Maternity Allowance Office	11,209	12,707	15,902	15,143	15,765
Rent, Repairs, etc.	18,732	25,676	28,090	33,064	29,426
Coinage	18,411	18,956	33,981	50,785	31,979
Invalid and Old-age Pensions ..	3,934,991	4,619,554	5,150,241	5,290,056	5,424,016
Taxation Office	311,330	375,711	513,422	594,123	776,424*
Maternity Allowance	620,298	626,175	701,020	690,700	688,435
Interest on Loans .. .. .	..	..	41,223	..	..
Miscellaneous	93,372	28,822	34,017	165,635	79,508
Total	5,101,821	5,829,503	6,664,051	6,984,277	7,180,786
TRADE AND CUSTOMS—					
Chief Office	29,403	37,362	43,862	68,677	70,037
Customs and Excise (General) ..	317,523	360,199	419,981	458,536	439,462
Administration of Commerce Act ..	28,957	36,495	36,814	19,030	26,107
Commercial and Industrial Bureau of the Board of Trade	1,972	3,773	5,160	5,000	4,659
Institute of Science and Industry ..	13,131	13,109	16,042	17,201	22,591
Commonwealth Laboratory	4,804	5,638	5,663	5,794	5,829
Inter-State Commission	12,007	10,545	3,650	..	..
Lighthouses	137,364	147,350	168,214	160,518	162,946
Navigation	211	1,479	8,100	13,188	25,427
Bounties	30,460	16,292	24,406	29,793	192,114
Pensions, etc.	17,213	17,186	16,803	16,946	18,736
Rents, Repairs, Supervision, etc. ..	10,508	13,821	15,124	17,485	21,445
Interest on Transferred Properties ..	36,286	70,130	64,089	42,497	47,162
Interest on Loans	2,072	2,949	3,170	1,741	4,943
Loans for purchase of Wire Netting ..	..	..	..	..	250,000
Fruit Pools—Losses and Advances ..	..	..	..	..	863,000
Miscellaneous	6,534	8,427	15,867	27,715	89,351
Total	648,445	744,755	847,045	889,121	2,243,809
MILITARY—					
Chief Office	48,184	59,133	65,688	74,036	22,554
Military Services (including Air Services)	1,151,995	914,089	1,337,919	1,386,042	1,211,708
Audit (proportion)	8,407	13,196	14,269	12,211	10,780
Rent, Repairs, Supervision, etc. ..	85,412	76,002	90,391	99,318	61,114
Interest on Transferred Properties ..	92,289	88,925	82,560	84,803	87,040
Interest on Loans	5,917	12,025	23,434	9,865	45,702
Compensation to Officers on Retirement	..	..	..	300,000	40,000
Miscellaneous	655	422	1,672	4,648	2,856
Total	1,392,859	1,163,792	1,615,933	1,970,923	1,481,754
NAVY—					
Chief Office	39,689	50,170	62,922	76,348	67,359
Naval	1,466,095	1,512,130	2,366,128	2,198,268	1,942,227
Rent, Repairs, Supervision, etc. ..	27,319	33,222	47,154	33,304	40,398
Interest on Transferred Properties ..	44,410	41,545	39,765	8,783	10,072
Interest on Loans	29,050	38,500	30,057	8,911	39,054
Miscellaneous (including Audit) ..	3,010	3,735	3,781	4,378	25,381
Total	1,609,573	1,679,302	2,540,807	2,320,992	2,124,491
AIR SERVICES—					
Air Forces .. .. .	..	..	..	137,527	130,967
Civil Aviation .. .. .	..	..	..	14,529	38,236
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	..	3,226	10,134
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	155,282	179,337
POSTMASTER-GENERAL—					
Chief Office	23,189	25,842	30,949	33,954	37,800
Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones ..	5,056,225	5,730,363	6,844,979	7,722,459	7,604,904
Pensions and Retiring Allowances ..	64,720	67,842	75,057	81,171	84,057
Rent, Repairs, Supervision, etc. ..	69,479	71,181	93,890	119,649	147,721
Interest on Transferred Properties ..	210,908	214,815	186,070	186,433	193,103
Interest on Loans	46,420	52,832	49,561	19,516	132,786
Payment to Sinking Fund	16,271	16,271	16,193	16,193	23,218
Miscellaneous	3,312	6,799	8,544	9,310	18,436
Total	5,490,524	6,185,945	7,305,243	8,188,685	8,242,025
HEALTH	173,460	125,063	133,118	172,227	155,912
Total Expenditure as above	16,194,280	17,732,690	21,488,238	23,251,203	24,807,235
New Works—Expenditure from Revenue	405,656	335,154	2,098,203	2,571,794	720,927
War Expenditure from Revenue ..	21,255,101	24,751,732	33,286,233	31,337,164	30,100,472
Total Expenditure from Revenue ..	37,855,037	42,819,576	56,872,674	57,160,161	55,628,684
Contribution to States	6,454,333	6,720,492	6,840,163	7,035,535	7,185,551
Interest, States' Loans Act	810,311	911,250	911,250	911,250	886,250
Grant to Wheat Board .. .. .	..	130,036	..	..	..
GRAND TOTAL	45,119,681	50,581,354	64,624,087	65,106,946	63,700,485

* Includes Taxation Officers' compensation, £200,000.

**SUMMARY OF COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM REVENUE
AND FROM LOAN FUNDS, 1918-19 to 1922-23.**

Heading.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
	£	£	£	£	£
EXPENDITURE FROM REVENUE—					
Ordinary Services—					
Interest on Transferred Properties	392,639	425,487	366,734	23,251,208	24,807,285
Interest on Loans	609,535	594,514	618,377		
Sinking Funds	43,390	47,035	42,640		
Other Ordinary Expenditure ..	15,148,716	16,665,654	20,460,487		
New Works, etc.	405,656	335,154	2,098,203	2,571,794	720,927
	16,599,936	18,067,844	23,586,441	25,822,997	25,528,212
War Services—					
Interest on Amount due to Imperial Government on Maintenance of Australian Troops	3,430,000*	1,816,000	19,613,888	21,075,693	20,985,547
Interest on Loans	10,087,461	12,645,900			
Sinking Fund	1,200,713	1,313,038			
Pensions	4,827,368	6,032,270			
Repatriation	1,300,000	2,500,000	7,389,739	7,028,379	7,134,967
Other Services	409,559	444,524	3,563,360	2,092,326	1,692,171
	21,255,101	24,751,732	2,719,246	1,140,766	287,787
	21,255,101	24,751,732	33,286,233	31,337,164	30,100,472
Total Expenditure from Revenue ..	37,855,037	42,819,576	56,872,674	57,160,161	55,628,684
EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS—					
Ordinary Purposes—					
New Works, etc.	1,090,483	1,286,786	3,877,912	5,246,503	5,388,949
War Purposes	62,192,889	45,385,587	24,148,501	7,576,977	1,762,694
Total Expenditure from Loans ..	63,283,372	46,672,373	28,026,413	12,823,480	7,146,643
Total Expenditure for Ordinary Services and Purposes	17,690,419	19,354,630	27,464,353	31,069,500	30,912,161
Total Expenditure for War Purposes	83,447,990	70,137,319	57,434,734	38,914,141	31,863,166
Total Commonwealth Expenditure ..	101,138,409	89,491,949	84,899,087	69,983,641	62,775,327
In addition to the above the following Payments were made:—					
FROM REVENUE—					
Payment to States (Surplus Revenue Act)	6,364,333	6,630,492	6,750,163	6,950,535	7,100,551
Special Payment to Tasmania	90,000	90,000	90,000	85,000	85,000
Interest, State Loans ..	810,312	911,250	911,250	911,250	886,250
FROM LOANS—					
Loans to States	3,042,767	..	..	..	..

* Interest for two years from 1st July, 1917.

COMMONWEALTH LOAN EXPENDITURE 1918-19 to 1922-23.

Heading.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
	£	£	£	£	£
Government House, Sydney ..	..	..	15,000	..	..
Prime Minister's Department—					
Subscription to Capital of Refinery	..	..	25,000	75,000	50,000
Company, Oil Agreement Act 1920	..	..	55,728	18,651	6,921
London Offices ..	46,120	58,612	..	..	..
Immigration—Passage Money of	..	..	..	133,848	199,483
Assisted Immigrants ..	..	..	..	44,210	7,218
Shipbuilding Yards ..	..	..	..	..	1,815,713
Construction of Ships ..	..	..	..	..	217,944
Construction of Roads ..	..	..	..	..	..
Department of Home and Territories—					
Federal Capital—Initial Settlement	..	..	..	68,798	78,438
and Works ..	..	..	..	8,861	1,475
Federal Capital—Acquisition of Land	1,395	11,968	1,816	..	..
Federal Capital—Towards establish-	..	..	81,417	70,766	274,128
ment ..	..	..	..	..	..
Queanbeyan Railway Line ..	1,160	Cr. 52	..	..	..
Acquisition of Land at Fairy Meadow	818	2,825	711	2,673	1,992
Papua—Loan ..	..	..	20,000	15,700	47,720
Department of Defence, Military—					
Purchase of Land for Defence pur-	..	..	..	5,123	1,733
poses generally ..	27,458	6,157	..	181,095	27,525
Arsenal, Factories, Stores ..	76,099	374,649	196,239	..	17,705
Air Services ..	..	..	..	..	..
Navy—					
Construction of Fleet ..	..	..	2,999,630	3,369,118	..
Dock Yard, Naval Bases, etc. ..	557,709	296,098	290,396	159,769	43,566
Department of Trade and Customs—					
Purchase of Sites for Lighthouses ..	8,379	2,028	..	..	8,225
Purchase of Sites for Quarantine ..	7,838	72	1,031	..	..
Lighthouses ..	16,115	26,795	29,746	14,556	2,175
Department of Works and Railways—					
Commonwealth Offices ..	..	..	..	24,961	1,243
Railway—Kalgoorlie—Port Augusta	156,187	138,165	76,009	69,072	82,500
Contribution under River Murray	..	..	..	..	..
Waters Act ..	55,760	39,241	56,722	112,372	176,921
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Post Office Buildings ..	..	..	..	45,085	144,341
Land for Post and Telegraph pur-	..	..	..	..	..
poses ..	1,621	Cr. 883	920	7,706	138,875
Perth General Post Office ..	18,291	23,073	21,644	45,000	..
Telegraphs and Telephones ..	116,760	305,538	Cr. 9	750,000	2,005,421
Northern Territory and Port Augusta—					
Oodnadatta Railway—					
Railway—Pine Creek to Katharine	..	..	..	4,746	..
River ..	Cr. 1,365	..	..	..	..
Railway—Darwin to Katharine	..	..	..	..	..
River ..	138	2,500	1,654	1,690	7,651
Railway—Port Augusta to Oodna-	..	..	4,258	8,946	12,997
datta ..	..	..	..	8,757	12,039
Health and Laboratories ..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Ordinary Loans Expendi-	1,090,483	1,286,786	3,877,912	5,246,503	5,383,949
ture ..	..	..	..	..	..
Total War Loans Expenditure	62,192,889	45,385,587	24,148,501	7,576,977	1,762,694
Loans to States—					
Victoria ..	Cr. 5	..	..	..	..
Queensland ..	1,106,360	..	..	..	..
South Australia ..	1,229,856	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	565,537	..	..	..	..
Tasmania ..	141,019	..	..	..	..
	3,042,767	..	..	..	..
Total Payments from Loan	66,326,139	46,672,373	28,026,413	12,823,480	7,146,643
Funds ..	..	..	..	..	..

LOANS AND ADVANCES BY THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE STATES AT 31st December, 1923.

State.	Particulars.	Amount.
		£
New South Wales ..	Advances for settling soldiers on the land	9,806,211
	Advances for construction of silos	500,000
		<u>10,306,211</u>
Victoria	Under Loans to States Acts	1,960,566
	Advances for settling soldiers on the land	11,797,171
	Advances to provide employment	92,000
	Advances for immigration	125,000
		<u>13,974,737</u>
Queensland ..	Under Loans to States Acts	5,475,379
	Advances for settling soldiers on the land	2,762,337
	Advances to provide employment	400,000
	Advances for Forestry	71,132
		<u>8,708,848</u>
South Australia ..	Under Loans to States Acts	4,123,828
	Advances for settling soldiers on the land	2,833,005
	Advances to provide employment	28,796
		<u>6,985,629</u>
Western Australia ..	Under Loans to States Acts	4,161,611
	Advances for settling soldiers on the land	5,181,247
	Advances for immigration	726,500
		<u>10,069,358</u>
Tasmania ..	Under Loans to States Acts	1,039,020
	Advances for settling soldiers on the land	2,129,563
		<u>3,198,583</u>
	Total	<u>53,243,366</u>

NOTE.—In addition to the amounts shown above, further sums are on loan to the various States from the Australian Notes Fund, which is now controlled by the Commonwealth Bank. On the 30th June, 1923, these amounts were:—New South Wales, £7,400,000; Victoria, £4,728,000; Queensland, £1,490,000; South Australia, £2,926,000; Western Australia, £4,025,000; Tasmania, £1,619,000.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT, 31st December, 1923.

Items.	Amount.
	£
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock (3½ per cent.) ..	3,764,716
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock and Bonds (War Loan)	234,426,123
Commonwealth Registered Stock (6 per cent.) ..	27,500,000
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock and Debentures (Loan raised for States), 5½ per cent.	12,750,000
Commonwealth Treasury Bills (4 per cent.) ..	6,948,125
Commonwealth War Savings Certificates and Stamps	2,407,538
Debt to British Government	89,836,549
War Gratuity Bonds	18,872,128
South Australian Debt transferred—	
On account Northern Territory	2,209,169
" Port Augusta—Oodnadatta Railway ..	1,682,489
Other	168,620
Total	<u>400,565,457</u>
Value of properties transferred from States ..	11,042,988
Total	<u>411,608,445</u>

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND THE PUBLIC, 1919 to 1924.

Average during—					Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.
					£	£	£
1919	..	..	..	..	35,316,039	20,253,726	55,569,765
1920	..	..	..	..	33,569,791	22,584,903	56,154,694
1921	..	..	..	..	33,657,493	24,171,307	57,828,800
1922	..	..	..	..	30,463,488	22,832,414	53,295,902
1923	..	..	..	..	29,281,640	22,864,896	52,146,536
1924	January	..	..	..	29,084,342	23,274,345	52,358,687
	February	..	..	..	28,954,947	23,177,674	52,132,621

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AS AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	27th Dec., 1920.	26th Dec., 1921.	25th Dec., 1922.	31st Dec., 1923.	25th Feb., 1924.
	£	£	£	£	£
10/	2,543,134	2,562,439	2,670,704	2,823,750	2,632,266
£1	16,272,082	16,065,948	16,345,387	16,631,258	15,370,450
£5	10,474,695	10,807,645	10,845,620	10,991,115	10,036,195
£10	4,687,650	4,316,120	4,164,190	4,036,840	3,799,110
£20	692,140	605,920	528,280	504,680	476,500
£50	1,656,800	1,517,400	1,354,550	1,273,950	1,223,900
£100	1,786,900	1,624,100	1,908,700	1,570,500	1,638,800
£1,000	19,538,000	18,049,000	13,954,000	14,314,000	16,955,000
Total	57,651,401	55,548,572	51,771,431	52,182,093	52,132,621
Gold Reserve	23,168,457	23,740,442	23,725,000	24,982,157	24,547,032
Per cent. of Reserve	40·19	42·74	45·83	47·87	47·09

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1923.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth commenced to pay Old-age Pensions on 1.7.1909, and Invalid Pensions on 15.12.1910.

State.	Number of Pensioners as at 30.6.23.			Number per 10,000 of Population.*		Average Fortnightly Pension as at 30.6.23.		Aggregate Annual Rate of Payment (approximate).	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Pop.
New South Wales	41,220	16,352	57,572	189	75	s. d.	s. d.	£	s. d.
Victoria	31,248	11,707	42,955	197	74	28 4	29 4	2,144,376	19 9
Queensland	13,812	5,359	19,171	175	68	28 10	29 2	1,614,912	20 4
South Australia	10,166	2,593	12,759	198	51	28 8	29 2	717,860	18 3
Western Australia	5,599	2,063	7,662	163	60	28 4	28 11	471,432	18 4
Tasmania	5,344	1,990	7,334	244	91	28 5	29 2	285,116	16 7
						28 2	28 10	270,192	24 8
Total	107,389	40,064	147,453	191	71	28 7	29 2	5,503,888	19 6

* Population taken as at 31st December, 1922.

WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1923.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Soldiers.	Dependents of Deceased Soldiers.	Dependents of Incapacitated Soldiers.	Total.	Incapacitated Soldiers.	Dependents of Deceased and Incapacitated Soldiers.	All Pensioners.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales ..	24,951	33,993	12,623	71,567	1 16 7	0 18 11	1 5 1
Victoria ..	24,686	39,069	14,327	78,082	1 10 11	0 15 8	1 0 6
Queensland ..	8,314	11,642	4,001	23,957	1 12 0	0 19 9	1 4 0
South Australia ..	4,089	6,296	3,956	14,341	1 14 5	1 0 0	1 4 2
Western Australia ..	7,721	12,212	3,945	23,878	1 14 7	0 16 9	1 2 6
Tasmania ..	3,089	5,106	1,891	10,086	1 13 2	0 17 4	1 2 2
London ..	1,512	3,203	4,575	9,290	1 16 2	1 3 0	1 5 2
South Africa ..	55	61	51	167	1 12 7	1 4 4	1 6 4
New Zealand ..	250	230	259	739	1 9 8	1 3 1	1 5 4
Elsewhere ..	25	16	7	48	1 7 2	1 1 3	1 4 4
Total ..	74,692	111,828	45,635	232,155	1 13 8	0 17 11	1 3 0

WAR PENSIONS EXPENDITURE, 1918-19 to 1922-23.

Place of Payment.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	1,586,981	1,826,111	2,331,633	2,294,258	2,418,636
Victoria ..	1,431,849	1,861,377	2,317,746	2,153,780	2,174,189
Queensland ..	505,223	664,093	814,359	775,998	784,744
South Australia ..	410,880	444,882	513,601	444,552	437,848
Western Australia ..	461,164	543,323	750,675	733,956	714,874
Tasmania ..	192,837	259,554	312,909	296,952	294,638
Elsewhere ..	239,138	273,430	348,816	328,883	310,038
Total ..	4,828,072	5,872,770	7,389,739	7,028,379	7,134,967

NOTE.—The liability for War Pensions as at 30th June, 1923, was approximately £6,933,576 per annum.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Number of Claims Passed for Payment.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912, and from that date until 30th June, 1923, the following Claims, each for £5, were passed for payment :—

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W.A.	Tasmania.	N.T.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1919 ..	49,777	31,797	19,137	11,154	6,867	5,214	70	124,016
1920 ..	48,909	32,903	18,898	11,464	7,441	5,498	60	125,173
1921 ..	56,378	36,778	20,674	12,224	8,142	5,915	41	140,152
1922 ..	55,413	36,257	20,403	12,161	8,018	5,843	45	138,140
1923 ..	55,677	36,260	19,949	11,874	8,047	5,836	44	137,687
Total since 10.10.12 ..	558,279	370,427	209,362	126,548	87,028	60,642	451	1,412,737

FEDERAL INCOME TAX, 1921-22.*

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage of Total Tax Assessed.
		£	£	
Under £201	541,075	1,190,442	2.200	8.2
£201 to £500	140,089	1,329,114	9.488	9.1
£501 to £1,000	49,147	1,533,880	31.210	10.5
£1,001 to £10,000	28,119	6,486,784	230.690	44.5
£10,001 to £100,000	718	3,409,156	4,748.128	23.4
Over £100,000	23	626,495	27,238.913	4.3
TOTAL ALL INCOMES	759,171	14,575,871	19.200	100.0

* Assessed on income for year 1920-21.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1916-17 to 1920-21.

	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—					
Resident Owners	14,735	14,948	14,473	15,344	14,061
Absentee Owners	3,544	3,560	3,451	3,655	3,285
TOTAL	18,279	18,508	17,924	18,999	17,346
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	185,193,437	184,453,284	182,234,521	183,823,633	177,109,874
Absentee	4,144,517	4,219,257	4,153,344	3,760,330	3,478,040
TOTAL	189,337,954	188,672,541	186,387,865	187,583,963	180,587,914
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	207,216,065	206,869,353	209,559,814	207,310,331	186,640,059
Absentee	4,371,934	4,380,470	4,495,083	4,058,242	3,670,695
TOTAL	211,587,999	211,249,823	214,054,897	211,368,573	190,319,754
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners	772,172	749,310	915,868	949,399	844,917
Absentee Owners	32,326	35,893	41,707	38,430	33,466
TOTAL	804,498	785,203	957,575	987,829	878,383
Rural Land—Resident Owners	1,348,738	1,340,145	1,522,995	1,493,514	1,184,525
Absentee Owners	18,359	16,840	20,925	18,490	16,500
TOTAL	1,367,097	1,356,985	1,543,920	1,512,004	1,201,025
All Land—Resident Owners	2,120,910	2,089,455	2,438,863	2,442,913	2,029,442
Absentee Owners	50,685	52,733	62,632	56,920	49,066
TOTAL	2,171,595	2,142,188	2,501,495	2,499,833	2,079,408
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED acs.	338,047.185	340,447.440	360,544.677	348,345.145	209,296.334
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	0.971d.	0.957d.	1.028d.	1.042d.	1.377d.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX, 1918-19 to 1922-23.

Year ended 30th June—	Tax Assessed.	Fine Accrued.	Tax Received.	Fine Received.	Tax and Fine Outstanding.
	£	£	£	£	£
1919	2,469,391	1,823	2,246,373	1,677	223,164
1920	2,486,693	2,394	2,259,313	1,855	227,919
1921	2,450,978	2,338	2,078,644	1,648	373,024
1922	2,125,829	2,927	1,997,299	1,478	129,979
1923	1,826,394	90	1,637,510	82	188,892

PARTICULARS OF LOCAL AUSTRALIAN WAR LOANS.

Number of Issue and date when closed.	Number of Subscriptions.			Amount Subscribed.		
	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bonds.	Total.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bonds.	Total.
				£	£	£
1st (31/8/15)	8,603	10,145	18,748	9,581,120	3,808,320	13,389,440
2nd (31/1/16)	12,450	16,495	28,945	16,271,710	5,383,970	21,655,680
3rd (2/9/16)	13,660	88,382	102,042	15,417,880	8,169,770	23,587,650
4th (8/2/17)	13,666	53,806	67,472	14,695,240	6,888,780	21,584,020
5th (2/11/17)	9,882	31,826	41,708	14,276,790	6,936,990	21,213,780
6th (10/4/18)	26,330	117,534	143,864	18,611,070	24,340,050	42,951,120
7th (15/10/18)	16,303	226,891	243,194	14,886,730	29,197,020	44,083,750
8th (7/10/19)	9,208	87,566	96,774	11,474,690	13,550,680	25,025,370
9th (6/9/20)	8,913	52,636	61,549	12,372,040	14,240,520	26,612,560
10th (5/9/21)	4,672	24,797	29,469	5,016,700	5,070,240	10,086,940
Total ..	123,687	710,078	833,765	132,603,970	117,586,340	250,190,310

NOTE.—These issues were all at par, except the 10th, which was issued at 96, the rates of interest being as follows:—1 to 5 inclusive, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; 6, optional— $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. free of Income Tax, or 5 per cent. subject to Income Tax; 7 and 8, 5 per cent.; 9 and 10, 6 per cent.

COMMONWEALTH CONVERSION LOAN, 1923.

	£
Net amount converted into 5 per cent. loan, 1948	8,067,930
Amount converted into 5 per cent. loan, 1928	14,230,370
Amount converted into Peace Savings Certificates and Treasury Bills ..	1,175,254
Total Conversion Applications	23,473,554
Cash subscriptions to 5 per cent. loan, 1948	7,183,870
Cash subscriptions to 5 per cent. loan, 1928	1,539,520
Total Cash Subscriptions	8,723,390
Total Conversion Applications and New Cash Subscriptions ..	32,196,944

State Finance.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS OF STATES.

REVENUE, 1922-23.

Sources of Revenue.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation	7,799,118	4,077,046	3,330,885	1,816,776	987,558	728,175	18,739,558
Railways and Tramways ..	19,083,302	11,289,956	5,400,320	3,705,426	3,150,038	568,993	43,198,035
Land	1,914,233	420,363	1,552,379	208,772	403,335	86,735	4,585,817
Commonwealth Subsidy ..	2,690,198	1,969,772	978,673	635,833	554,828	356,247	7,185,551
All other Sources ..	4,659,093	3,877,540	1,337,146	2,064,893	2,111,733	433,912	14,484,317
Total Revenue ..	36,145,944	21,634,677	12,599,403	8,431,700	7,207,492	2,174,062	88,193,278
Total Revenue per head ..	£ s. d. 16 12 8	£ s. d. 13 12 1	£ s. d. 15 19 6	£ s. d. 16 8 7	£ s. d. 20 19 7	£ s. d. 9 18 7	£ s. d. 15 13 1
Year ended 30th June—	REVENUE, 1919 TO 1923.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1919	23,448,166	13,044,088	9,415,543	5,798,313	4,944,850	1,581,984	58,232,944
1920	28,650,496	15,866,184	11,293,743	6,582,788	5,863,501	1,815,031	70,071,743
1921	34,031,396	19,054,475	12,601,031	7,151,366	6,789,565	2,105,449	81,733,282
1922	35,637,820	20,357,733	12,311,378	7,771,752	6,907,107	2,181,395	85,167,185
1923	36,145,944	21,634,677	12,599,403	8,431,700	7,207,492	2,174,062	88,193,278

EXPENDITURE, 1922-23.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	7,701,453	5,776,741	3,589,714	2,460,273	2,587,988	908,124	23,024,293
Railways and Tramways (exclusive of Construction) ..	13,785,697	8,275,909	4,712,362	2,769,396	2,418,393	525,119	32,486,876
All other Expenditure ..	13,855,286	7,558,659	4,482,306	3,196,848	2,606,475	1,039,280	32,738,854
Total Expenditure ..	35,342,436	21,611,309	12,784,382	8,426,517	7,612,856	2,472,523	88,250,023
Total Expenditure per head ..	£ s. d. 16 5 4	£ s. d. 13 11 10	£ s. d. 16 4 3	£ s. d. 16 8 4	£ s. d. 22 3 2	£ s. d. 11 5 11	£ s. d. 15 13 4
Year ended 30th June—	EXPENDITURE, 1919 TO 1923.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1919	23,233,398	13,023,407	9,587,532	5,876,811	5,596,864	1,644,512	58,962,524
1920	30,210,013	15,752,459	11,266,910	6,457,039	6,531,725	1,828,301	72,046,447
1921	34,476,892	18,941,698	12,591,201	7,543,640	7,476,291	2,189,157	83,218,879
1922	36,966,525	20,297,279	12,499,970	7,826,241	7,639,242	2,302,077	87,531,334
1923	35,342,436	21,611,309	12,784,382	8,426,517	7,612,856	2,472,523	88,250,023

STATE LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1922-23.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways and Tramways	4,669,285	1,674,643	2,134,162	659,120	591,614	254,120	9,982,944
Water Supply, etc. ..	2,850,639	1,210,483	139,592	1,718,978	200,857	..	6,120,549
Harbours, Rivers, etc. ..	451,279	499	..	629,948	77,414	98,266	2,166,674
Roads and Bridges	231,271	582,216	..	61,450	34,331	..	..
Land Purchased for Settle- ment	301,609	2,444,495	230,595	320,322	2,131,345	6,354	5,434,720
Public Buildings	307,554	329,882	230,941	81,626	18,680	27,959	996,642
All other	982,382	2,522,088	966,460	8,837	335,058	766,946	5,581,771
Total	9,794,019	8,764,306	3,701,750	3,480,281	3,389,299	1,153,645	30,283,300
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Loan Expenditure per head	4 10 2	5 10 3	4 13 11	6 15 7	9 17 4	5 5 5	5 7 6

TOTAL STATE LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1923.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways and Tramways	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Telegraphs and Telephones	106,520	63,399	47,868	22,684	19,269	6,596	266,336
Water Supply, etc. ..	1,762	..	997	992	..	142	3,893
Harbours, Rivers, etc. ..	36,454	16,245	1,044	14,825	5,611	..	74,179
Roads and Bridges	18,621	1,312	2,412	5,450	4,144	5,427	48,123
Public Buildings	2,417	4,839	931	2,111	459	..	..
Land Purchased for Settle- ment	6,632	3,135	3,007	1,847	917	1,483	17,021
Defence	6,723	26,313	2,605	4,503	10,032	2,988	53,164
All other	1,458	149	363	292	..	128	2,390
Total	10,927	11,181	14,136	3,842	8,427	6,211	54,724
Total	191,514	126,573	73,363	56,546	48,859	22,975	519,830

STATE PUBLIC DEBTS, 1919 to 1923.

Year. ended June 30—	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Queensland.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1919 ..	147,174,536	82,655,532	64,998,793	46,829,317	43,637,076	15,281,281	400,576,535
1920 ..	159,649,649	88,273,123	70,152,471	48,565,562	46,822,003	16,630,039	430,092,847
1921 ..	175,084,937	97,317,830	79,744,321	54,888,685	49,039,668	18,772,018	474,847,459
1922 ..	190,857,535	109,099,199	85,691,228	60,936,238	54,959,778	21,945,411	523,489,389
1923 ..	197,936,092	118,562,029	88,005,001	65,451,873	58,485,555	22,438,091	550,878,641

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AS ON 30th JUNE, 1923.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Floated Abroad ..	120,353,435	45,685,997	58,900,314	32,373,437	40,147,753	11,755,265	309,216,201
Floated in Australia	77,582,657	72,876,032	29,104,687	33,078,436	18,337,802	10,682,826	241,662,440
Total Gross Debt ..	197,936,092	118,562,029	88,005,001	65,451,873	58,485,555	22,438,091	550,878,641
Sinking Funds ..	441,844	2,993,432	689,488	1,779,951	8,781,051	1,068,433	15,754,199
Total Net Debt ..	197,494,248	115,568,597	87,315,513	63,671,922	49,704,504	21,369,658	535,124,442
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Net Debt per head	90 4 1	71 17 9	108 7 7	122 7 4	142 15 7	99 19 2	94 1 7

**STATE PUBLIC DEBTS.—AMOUNTS AT THE VARIOUS RATES OF INTEREST
AT 30th JUNE, 1919 to 1923.**

Rate of Interest.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.
7½ .. .. .	..	..	100	122	144
7¼ .. .. .	..	..	..	4,500	5,791
7 .. .. .	..	..	..	2,466	2,466
£6 15s. 2d. .. .. .	..	..	..	2,370	2,370
£6 13s. 10d. .. .. .	..	..	124	..	..
6½ .. .. .	..	..	11,972	16,150	16,307
£6 7s. .. .. .	..	..	16,209	16,209	16,210
6¼ .. .. .	..	462	5,101	8,652	5,696
6 .. .. .	..	2,242	6,545	30,631	29,808
5¾	16,076	19,576	20,172	31,565	32,539
£5 13s. 2d. .. .. .	..	..	29	29	29
5½	20,924	33,093	47,235	58,264	66,574
£5 6s. 11d. .. .. .	..	8,377	8,357	8,357	8,357
£5 5s. 3d. .. .. .	..	3,150	3,088	3,013	2,981
5¼	7,646	22,461	24,273	24,112	24,082
£5 3s. 10d. .. .. .	..	17	14	..	..
£5 3s.	17	..	..	..	..
5	18,052	21,698	19,444	18,657	38,526
4¾	20	..	..	1,000	1,050
4½	7,139	7,275	6,582	2,148	2,406
£4 14s. 5d. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	18,000
£4 14s. 3d. .. .. .	..	20	12	5	..
£4 13s. 10d. .. .. .	..	93	..	..	..
4⅝	20	20	..	..	..
4⅓	33,575	30,113	29,236	29,967	38,823
4⅛	350	..	..	..	..
4¼	646	641	837	837	874
4	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	..
4	94,538	90,463	86,904	84,774	77,445
3¾	24,889	14,123	13,266	12,213	11,584
3½	111,586	111,964	111,123	103,420	102,812
3⅓	25	25	25	..	..
3¼	46,450	46,280	46,199	46,028	46,005
3 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Total	399,953	430,093	474,847	523,489	550,879
Average Rate	£ s. d. 4 0 2	£ s. d. 4 3 4	£ s. d. 4 7 8	£ s. d. 4 12 0	£ s. d. 4 13 0

STATE PUBLIC DEBTS PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1919 to 1923.

30th June—	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'nsland.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	All States.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1919	73.656	56.072	89.711	98.922	136.705	74.721	77.124
1920	77.151	58.378	93.512	98.448	142.017	79.408	80.220
1921	83.193	63.371	103.928	109.498	146.984	88.594	87.058
1922	88.736	69.473	109.330	119.820	161.637	102.884	94.036
1923	90.273	73.752	109.237	125.788	168.004	104.957	96.848

STATE PUBLIC DEBTS.—ACCRUED SINKING FUNDS, 1919 to 1923.

30th June—	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'nsland.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1919	388,259	2,600,778	385,540	1,509,930	6,139,008	646,197	11,669,712
1920	384,639	2,395,813	402,421	1,437,519	6,848,826	699,890	12,169,108
1921	409,988	2,579,019	376,899	1,438,415	7,641,564	815,835	13,261,720
1922	417,067	2,754,540	393,615	1,263,448	8,370,160	948,376	14,147,206
1923	441,844	2,993,432	689,488	1,779,951	8,781,051	1,068,433	15,754,199

**STATE PUBLIC DEBTS.—ANNUAL AMOUNT OF INTEREST PAYABLE,
1919 to 1923.**

30th June.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'nsland.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	All States.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1919 ..	6,037,547	3,179,563	2,592,773	1,921,492	1,684,596	615,606	16,031,577
1920 ..	6,893,655	3,544,416	2,876,341	2,032,755	1,858,875	691,274	17,897,316
1921 ..	7,856,636	4,314,336	3,337,572	2,466,851	1,996,641	834,990	20,807,026
1922 ..	8,948,191	5,086,278	3,750,212	2,873,487	2,360,855	1,058,578	24,077,601
1923 ..	9,418,959	5,574,693	3,860,045	3,124,937	2,557,748	1,091,975	25,628,357

**STATE PUBLIC DEBTS.—AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE,
1919 to 1923.**

30th June.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'nsland.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	All States.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1919 ..	4.102	3.847	3.989	4.103	3.860	4.028	4.002
1920 ..	4.318	4.015	4.100	4.186	3.970	4.157	4.161
1921 ..	4.487	4.433	4.185	4.494	4.071	4.448	4.382
1922 ..	4.688	4.662	4.376	4.715	4.296	4.824	4.599
1923 ..	4.758	4.702	4.386	4.774	4.373	4.867	4.652

TAXATION BY COMMONWEALTH AND STATE GOVERNMENTS, 1919 to 1923.

Year ended 30th June.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.		Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Indirect.	Direct.		
	£	£	£	£
1919 ..	17,426,970	15,437,516	11,971,254	44,835,740
1920 ..	21,574,559	20,273,133	14,291,633	56,139,325
1921 ..	31,809,906	20,617,515	18,203,646	70,631,067
1922 ..	27,630,359	22,048,483	17,682,887	67,361,729
1923 ..	32,872,129	17,012,888	18,739,558	68,624,575

**TAXATION BY COMMONWEALTH AND STATE GOVERNMENTS PER HEAD
1919 to 1923.**

Year ended 30th June.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.		Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Indirect.	Direct.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1919 ..	3 8 8	3 0 9	2 7 1	8 16 6
1920 ..	4 1 4	3 16 5	2 14 0	10 11 9
1921 ..	5 17 7	3 16 2	3 7 3	13 1 0
1922 ..	5 0 4	4 0 0	3 4 2	12 4 6
1923 ..	5 16 8	3 0 5	3 6 6	12 3 7

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (Formerly Banks of Issue).

LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA, 1919 TO 1923.

Quarter ended 30th June.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to Other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.*	
				£	£	£	
1919 ..	221,755	1,813,390	6,540,609	118,988,567	130,069,687	249,058,254	257,634,008
1920 ..	224,130	2,343,713	4,505,117	133,912,800	131,715,792	265,628,592	272,701,552
1921 ..	213,868	2,392,074	5,745,770	127,789,814	154,767,037	282,556,851	290,908,063
1922 ..	209,894	2,299,870	4,377,704	123,819,184	164,725,978	288,545,162	295,432,630
1923 ..	207,228	2,483,725	3,754,260	126,656,935	184,664,568	311,321,503	317,766,716
31/12/1923	205,918	2,879,999	3,510,384	123,367,121	182,841,658	306,208,779	312,805,080

* Includes Savings Bank deposits in the Commonwealth Bank.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA, 1919 TO 1923.

Quarter ended 30th June.	Coin.	Bullion.	Australian Notes.	Land and Other Property.	Notes and Bills of Other Banks.	Balances due from Other Banks.	All Other Debts due to the Banks.†	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1919 ..	21,341,026	793,883	35,759,107	5,215,550	2,274,422	7,798,735	204,768,013	277,950,736
1920 ..	20,704,078	625,786	34,610,763	5,375,279	2,009,031	7,819,654	197,829,682	269,874,273
1921 ..	21,066,405	560,427	34,492,912	5,736,389	2,406,515	6,644,558	241,838,689	312,745,895
1922 ..	21,350,702	551,351	30,314,643	5,802,641	5,249,453	6,603,581	232,223,277	302,185,648
1923 ..	21,353,880	568,401	28,787,887	6,484,140	7,059,235	8,162,423	255,042,530	327,458,496
31/12/1923	21,480,713	601,248	27,897,916	6,751,236	2,990,776	12,811,371	268,698,716	341,232,036

* Includes statistics for the Commonwealth Bank. † Including Government and municipal securities for quarter ended 30th June, 1920, £37,136,141; 1921, £48,402,929; 1922, £40,985,659; 1923, £52,771,215; and 31st December, 1923, £51,223,317.

SAVINGS BANKS, 1918 to 1923.*

End of Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Total.
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NUMBER OF DEPOSITORS.

1918-19 ..	984,951	966,543	343,424	357,310	192,879	99,565	1,167	2,945,839
1919-20 ..	1,053,893	1,014,223	364,149	377,435	204,005	108,289	987	3,122,981
1920-21 ..	1,126,157	1,072,554	327,065	396,970	217,136	115,502	935	3,256,319
1921-22 ..	1,186,948	1,127,892	337,621	414,570	225,136	120,252	861	3,413,280
1922-23 ..	1,246,191	1,188,437	355,902	432,438	250,214	124,850	869	3,598,901
31/12/1923	1,270,231	1,220,645	365,409	438,776	255,716	127,175	855	3,678,857

AMOUNT ON DEPOSIT.

1918-19 ..	£ 47,070,342	£ 38,772,024	£ 17,510,975	£ 14,803,237	£ 7,002,473	£ 3,285,398	£ 81,097	£ 128,525,541
1919-20 ..	49,933,535	42,317,863	17,909,571	15,496,514	7,258,384	3,930,181	57,106	136,903,154
1920-21 ..	57,394,441	48,970,989	18,587,942	16,317,353	7,663,440	4,159,522	53,790	153,147,477
1921-22 ..	61,791,273	52,131,032	19,394,156	16,931,678	7,759,317	4,224,662	41,115	162,273,233
1922-23 ..	64,324,670	56,101,260	20,483,581	18,249,540	7,852,741	4,411,449	36,689	171,459,930
31/12/1923	63,395,390	55,480,127	20,340,430	17,922,002	7,792,148	4,529,728	35,256	169,495,081

AVERAGE PER DEPOSITOR.

End of Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1918-19..	47 15 9	40 2 3	50 19 9	41 7 7	36 8 2	32 19 11	69 9 8	43 12 7
1919-20..	47 7 7	41 14 6	49 3 8	41 1 2	35 11 7	36 5 10	57 17 2	43 16 1
1920-21..	50 19 4	45 13 2	56 16 8	41 2 1	35 5 10	36 0 3	57 10 7	47 0 7
1921-22..	52 1 2	46 4 5	57 8 10	40 16 10	34 9 4	35 2 7	47 15 1	47 10 10
1922-23..	51 12 4	47 4 1	57 11 1	42 4 0	31 7 8	35 6 8	42 4 5	47 12 10
31/12/1923	49 18 2	45 9 0	55 13 4	40 16 11	30 9 5	35 12 4	41 4 8	46 1 6

AVERAGE PER INHABITANT.

1918-19..	23 10 10	26 6 4	24 3 3	31 12 0	21 18 4	16 0 6	17 8 5	24 14 7
1919-20..	24 3 1	27 19 8	23 19 2	31 16 8	22 0 6	18 13 6	13 11 1	25 10 10
1920-21..	27 6 3	31 17 8	24 3 5	32 15 11	23 0 1	19 12 5	13 13 11	28 1 6
1921-22..	28 15 5	33 3 10	24 13 10	33 10 6	22 17 1	19 15 11	11 4 6	29 2 10
1922-23..	29 6 9	34 18 0	25 8 6	35 6 5	22 11 2	20 12 8	10 1 2	30 2 11
31/12/1923	28 13 2	34 2 8	25 1 6	34 3 1	22 0 6	20 13 6	9 18 4	29 9 7

* Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK, 1914, 1920, 1923.

State.	30th June, 1914.		30th June, 1920.		31st Dec., 1923.	
	No. of Depositors.	Amount at Credit of Depositors.	No. of Depositors.	Amount at Credit of Depositors.	No. of Depositors.	Amount at Credit of Depositors.
		£		£		£
New South Wales ..	37,677	1,171,255	186,355	5,506,094	252,092	7,697,906
Victoria ..	30,371	1,151,823	115,584	4,572,635	143,502	5,581,459
Queensland ..	24,202	815,947	88,721	3,058,435	365,409	20,340,430
South Australia ..	7,965	317,135	40,094	1,664,173	50,758	2,026,887
Western Australia ..	10,111	277,956	47,462	1,473,301	64,283	2,097,472
Tasmania ..	32,392	885,379	53,616	1,407,815	59,968	1,501,288
Northern Territory ..	292	18,709	987	57,106	855	35,256
Papua and Territory of New Guinea ...	133	7,064	1,103	53,078	1,564	75,019
London ..	..	..	5,873	189,765	6,818	347,679
Total ..	143,143	4,645,268	539,795	17,982,402	945,249	39,703,396

Section V.—Railways.

RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC, 1918-19 TO 1922-23.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets.

Government.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
Federal ..	1,734	1,733	1,733	1,733	1,733
New South Wales ..	4,825 (345)	5,015 (362)	5,043 (359)	5,116 (359)	5,318 (371)
Victoria ..	4,190 (71)	4,214 (71)	4,267 (71)	4,317 (58)	4,333 (60)
Queensland ..	5,469 (1,372)	5,685 (1,261)	5,752 (1,261)	5,799 (1,265)	5,906 (1,275)
South Australia ..	2,290 (39)	2,333 (50)	2,333 (55)	2,357 (55)	2,373 (55)
Western Australia ..	3,523 (973)	3,538 (854)	3,538 (913)	3,538 (876)	3,555 (836)
Tasmania ..	601 (210)	629 (211)	630 (247)	637 (236)	663 (233)
Total ..	22,647 (3,010)	23,147 (2,809)	23,296 (2,906)	23,497 (2,848)	23,881 (2,830)
Private—					
For general traffic ..	1,125	968	994	1,003	1,001
„ private „ ..	1,885	1,841	1,912	1,845	1,829
Grand Total ..	25,657	25,956	26,202	26,345	26,711

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1923.

Government.	Cost of Construction and Equipment.	Gross Earnings.	Working Expenses.	Net Earnings. (—denotes net loss.)		
				Amount.	Per Train Mile.	Per cent. on Capital.
	£1,000.	£	£	£	s. d.	%
Federal ..	11,384	336,413	461,033	-124,620	-3 3	-1.09
New South Wales ..	87,714	15,221,333	10,649,974	4,571,359	4 2	5.21
Victoria ..	64,615	11,347,057	8,181,926	3,165,131	4 0	4.90
Queensland ..	44,824	5,420,400	4,714,262	706,138	1 4	1.57
South Australia ..	20,234	3,710,922	2,781,547	929,375	3 0	4.59
Western Australia ..	18,555	2,915,985	2,210,348	705,637	3 2	3.80
Tasmania ..	6,200	572,417	514,350	58,067	0 9	0.98
Total ..	253,526	39,524,527	29,513,440	10,011,087	3 3	3.97

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—1918-19 TO 1922-23—continued.

Government.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
AVERAGE MILES WORKED.					
Federal	1,734	1,733	1,733	1,733	1,733
New South Wales	4,737	4,966	5,019	5,077	5,197
Victoria	4,159	4,194	4,237	4,279	4,314
Queensland	5,324	5,635	5,733	5,784	5,868
South Australia	2,285	2,316	2,333	2,344	2,359
Western Australia	3,507	3,538	3,538	3,538	3,552
Tasmania	599	635	637	635	663
Total	22,345	23,017	23,230	23,390	23,686

TRAIN MILES RUN—'000 OMITTED.

Federal	675	726	811	731	775
New South Wales	19,935	22,835	22,792	21,887	21,694
Victoria	13,032	15,022	15,909	15,857	16,394
Queensland	9,943	10,444	10,736	9,634	10,918
South Australia	5,413	5,192	5,713	5,630	6,206
Western Australia	4,256	4,851	4,918	4,565	4,505
Tasmania	1,108	1,267	1,387	1,433	1,435
Total	54,362	60,337	62,266	59,737	61,927

GROSS EARNINGS—'000 OMITTED.

Federal	266	316	333	323	337
New South Wales	9,958	13,084	14,267	15,213	15,221
Victoria	6,432	8,225	9,796	10,791	11,347
Queensland	3,985	4,960	5,279	5,155	5,420
South Australia	2,392	2,726	2,942	3,297	3,711
Western Australia	1,873	2,292	2,720	2,828	2,916
Tasmania	401	506	600	588	573
Total	25,307	32,109	35,937	38,195	39,525

WORKING EXPENSES—'000 OMITTED.

Federal	407	418	499	461	461
New South Wales	6,904	9,571	11,033	11,116	10,650
Victoria	4,280	6,059	7,836	8,027	8,182
Queensland	3,690	4,323	5,049	4,810	4,714
South Australia	1,830	2,007	2,655	2,527	2,782
Western Australia	1,568	2,001	2,422	2,329	2,210
Tasmania	325	390	476	538	514
Total	19,004	24,769	29,970	29,818	29,513

NET EARNINGS—'000 OMITTED.

Federal	-141	-102	-166	-138	-124
New South Wales	3,054	3,513	3,234	4,097	4,571
Victoria	2,152	2,166	1,960	2,765	3,165
Queensland	294	637	230	344	706
South Australia	562	719	287	760	930
Western Australia	305	291	298	499	706
Tasmania	77	116	124	50	58
Total	6,203	7,340	5,967	8,377	10,012

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—1918-19 to 1922-23—*continued*.

Government.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.					
Federal	% -1.29	% -0.92	% -1.49	% -1.23	% -1.09
New South Wales	3.99	4.43	3.93	4.89	5.21
Victoria	3.75	3.72	3.27	4.39	4.90
Queensland	0.77	1.59	0.56	0.81	1.57
South Australia	3.01	3.76	1.48	3.55	4.59
Western Australia	1.70	1.61	1.64	2.72	3.80
Tasmania	1.51	2.21	2.30	0.87	0.98
Total	2.80	3.18	2.51	3.43	3.97

Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1922.

Particulars.	Federal.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	1,733	5,169	4,317	5,879	2,357	3,546	664	23,665
<i>a</i> Revenue—								
<i>b</i> Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	80	3,539	2,771	1,026	635	484	125	8,660
<i>b</i> Goods, including Live Stock and Minerals £	79	4,068	2,870	1,718	1,138	856	134	10,363
<i>b</i> Miscellaneous £	24	(a) 291	291	19	34	83	15	466
<i>b</i> Total Revenue £	183	7,607	5,432	2,763	1,807	1,423	274	19,489
<i>b</i> Expenditure £	232	5,734	4,005	2,401	1,297	1,137	256	15,062
<i>b</i> Train miles run ..	421	10,600	7,934	5,622	3,011	2,164	719	30,471
Earnings per train mile	8s. 8d.	14s. 4d.	13s. 8d.	9s. 10d.	11s. 11d.	13s. 2d.	7s. 8d.	12s. 9d.
Expenditure per train mile ..	11s.	10s. 10d.	10s. 1d.	8s. 7d.	8s. 8d.	10s. 6d.	7s. 1d.	9s. 11d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings ..	126.94	75.37	73.73	86.87	71.84	79.80	93.28	77.27
<i>b</i> Passenger Journeys, No.	55	61,289	76,023	13,984	(d) 6,252	8,759	1,441	(f) 167,803
<i>b</i> Coal and Coke carried, tons ..	3	3,726	121	384	149	237	49	4,619
<i>b</i> Other Mineral carried, tons ..	(c)	707	(c)	220	542	231	(e)	1,700
<i>b</i> Live Stock carried, tons	30	355	310	176	90	48	10	1,019
<i>b</i> Other Goods carried „	30	2,075	2,898	1,620	671	888	189	8,371
<i>b</i> Total Freight carried „	63	6,863	3,329	2,350	1,452	1,404	248	15,709

(a) Included with Coaching and Goods. (b) ,000 omitted. (c) Included with other goods.
 (d) For 3 months. (e) Included with Coal and Coke. (f) Includes 3 months only for South Australia.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1923.

Particulars.	Federal.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	1,733	5,431	4,349	5,980	2,400	3,609	668	24,170
a Revenue—								
a Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	82	3,576	2,880	1,048	643	479	120	8,828
a Goods, including Live Stock and Minerals £	77	4,351	2,426	1,805	1,204	931	147	10,941
a Miscellaneous £	29	(b)	342	14	54	85	13	1,537
a Total Revenue ..	188	7,927	5,648	2,867	1,901	1,495	280	20,306
a Expenditure .. £	247	5,663	4,179	2,452	1,389	1,114	273	15,317
a Train miles run ..	416	11,850	8,207	5,927	3,134	2,227	701	32,462
Earnings per train mile	9s. 1d.	13s. 5d.	13s. 9d.	9s. 8d.	12s. 2d.	13s. 5d.	8s. 0d.	12s. 6d.
Expenditure per train mile	11s. 10d.	9s. 7d.	10s. 2d.	8s. 3d.	8s. 10d.	10s.	7s. 9d.	9s. 5d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings ..	130.73	71.44	74.00	85.53	73.08	74.51	97.54	75.43
a Passenger Journeys, No.	61	63,132	81,942	14,626	11,931	8,734	1,388	181,814
a Coal and Coke carried, tons	4	4,375	296	359	199	237	124	5,594
a Other Mineral carried, tons	8	779	1	273	539	276	(c)	1,876
a Live Stock carried, tons	27	408	254	219	86	54	10	1,058
a Other Goods carried ..	25	2,398	3,156	1,565	744	966	213	9,067
a Total Freight carried ..	64	7,960	3,707	2,416	1,568	1,533	347	17,595

(a) ,000 omitted.

(b) Included with Coaching and Goods.

(c) Included with Coal and Coke.

Section VI.—Aircraft.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

(Subject to revision.)

Particulars.	States in which Aeroplanes are Located.					Total.
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	
Companies or persons owning aircraft .. No.	12	9	5	2	2	30
Aeroplanes .. No.	16	20	12	3	8	59
(a) Staff employed—						
Certificated Pilots .. No.	3	12	3	1	6	25
Others .. No.	1	15	9	..	19	44
Flights carried out .. No.	380	749	466	32	455	2,082
Hours flown ..	105h. 30m.	190h. 47m.	457h. 51m.	33h. 20m.	859h. 40m.	1,647h. 08m.
Approximate mileage Miles	7,141	12,219	33,353	2,000	66,165	120,878
Passengers carried—						
Paying .. No.	394	511	122	..	327	1,354
Non-Paying .. No.	112	285	17	32	257	703
Total .. No.	506	796	139	32	584	2,057
Goods, Weight carried lbs.	60	..	633	..	3,364	4,057
Mails, Letters carried .. No.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Accidents—						
Damage to Aircraft .. No.	..	..	1	..	1	2
Injuries to Personnel .. No.	..	..	1	..	..	1
Persons Killed .. No.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Injured .. No.	..	..	1	..	..	1

(a) Monthly average.

(b) Approximate.

Section VII.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership, at end of Years
1919 to 1923.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Total.	Total.
NO. OF SEPARATE UNIONS.									
1919 ..	211	160	106	101	112	77	4	771	*394
1920 ..	214	158	115	104	121	81	3	796	*888
1921 ..	213	159	118	108	116	79	3	796	*382
1922 ..	217	169	118	106	117	83	3	813	*387
1923 ..	204	160	119	110	115	87	2	797	*383
NO. OF BRANCHES.									
1919 ..	748	411	338	134	161	76	..	1,868	†2,245
1920 ..	871	453	340	139	172	81	..	2,056	†2,464
1921 ..	925	466	344	150	173	83	..	2,141	†2,595
1922 ..	858	452	346	144	189	69	..	2,058	†2,484
1923 ..	763	388	285	78	170	59	..	1,743	†2,157
NO. OF MEMBERS.									
1919 ..	255,899	164,683	97,378	56,879	38,160	13,556	1,221	627,685	627,685
1920 ..	277,519	187,100	103,784	55,958	44,054	15,220	815	684,450	684,450
1921 ..	285,638	195,971	103,786	55,701	45,334	15,842	737	703,009	703,009
1922 ..	284,689	206,281	100,939	55,208	41,405	14,346	70	702,938	702,938
1923 ..	267,299	206,049	103,153	60,786	42,319	14,065	72	699,743	699,743

* Allowing for Inter-State duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Inter-State groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations, which are practically independent and self-governing. † Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Inter-State unions, but also head State branches of Inter-State unions.

Classification of Trade Unions in Australia according to Number of Members
at end of Years 1919 to 1923.

Classifi- cation.	10,000 and over.	5,000 and under 10,000.	2,000 and under 5,000.	1,000 and under 2,000.	500 and under 1,000.	300 and under 500.	200 and under 300.	100 and under 200.	50 and under 100.	Under 50.	Total.
NUMBER OF UNIONS.											
1919 ..	13	13	34	44	52	31	32	62	62	51	894
1920 ..	14	13	41	43	57	29	27	60	54	50	888
1921 ..	15	15	37	41	55	26	30	57	53	53	882
1922 ..	16	14	44	42	42	30	33	53	56	57	887
1923 ..	17	13	41	42	51	36	27	55	47	54	883

MEMBERSHIP.											
1919 ..	292,406	95,400	104,547	64,145	37,083	12,148	7,624	8,392	4,430	1,510	627,685
1920 ..	314,437	101,801	136,587	60,324	40,464	10,751	6,451	8,391	3,763	1,481	684,450
1921 ..	337,683	116,384	120,331	58,775	30,729	10,442	7,213	8,076	3,722	1,674	703,009
1922 ..	338,689	104,299	138,492	57,115	30,834	12,019	8,150	7,602	3,987	1,751	702,938
1923 ..	341,167	100,122	131,796	55,379	37,634	14,152	6,231	8,057	3,432	1,773	699,743

Unemployment—Australia.—Number and Membership of Unions Reporting, and
Number and Percentage Unemployed,* 1919 to 1924 (1st Quarter).

Particulars.		Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
				Number.	Percentage.
1919, 4th Quarter	..	459	317,413	16,637	5.2
1920, 4th "	..	450	351,013	27,463	7.8
1921, 1st "	..	449	344,347	39,346	11.4
2nd "	..	453	363,675	45,622	12.5
3rd "	..	456	368,462	41,979	11.4
4th "	..	436	370,491	35,250	9.5
1922, 1st "	..	442	378,340	34,800	9.2
2nd "	..	448	373,757	35,796	9.6
3rd "	..	443	381,380	36,706	9.6
4th "	..	445	390,304	33,570	8.6
1923, 1st "	..	452	377,209	27,112	7.2
2nd "	..	431	378,161	26,931	7.1
3rd "	..	453	380,256	28,122	7.4
4th "	..	403	366,377	22,682	6.2
1924, 1st "	..	423	388,960	29,417	7.6

* The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they do not include persons out of work through strikes or lockouts.

Percentage of Members of Trade Unions returned as Unemployed* at the end of Year 1912, and Quarterly for 1922 to 1924 (1st Quarter).

State.	1912. end of Year.	1922.			1923.				1924. 1st quar. (Jan. to Mar.).
		2nd quar. (April to June).	3rd quar. (July to Sept.).	4th quar. (Oct. to Dec.).	1st quar. (Jan. to Mar.).	2nd quar. (April to June).	3rd quar. (July to Sept.).	4th quar. (Oct. to Dec.).	
New South Wales ..	5.0	11.4	11.9	11.4	10.2	8.8	9.3	7.5	10.6
Victoria ..	6.7	7.8	7.4	5.2	4.4	5.7	6.4	5.2	5.1
Queensland ..	4.6	7.7	8.6	12.4	8.0	7.8	8.6	6.3	10.0
South Australia ..	5.1	6.4	6.6	8.3	2.7	4.9	4.6	6.1	3.8
Western Australia ..	5.8	11.4	11.1	8.9	6.9	6.2	5.8	3.8	4.8
Tasmania ..	3.4	10.4	6.7	3.9	4.1	4.9	2.9	2.0	2.1
Total ..	5.6	9.6	9.6	8.6	7.2	7.1	7.4	6.2	7.6

* Not including persons out of work through strikes or lockouts.

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work), 1919 to 1923 (4th Quarter).

Periods.	No. of New Dis- putes.	No. of estab- lish- ments in- volved in New Dis- putes.	No. of Workpeople involved in New Disputes.			No. of Working Days Lost, All Disputes.			Total Esti- mated loss in Wages. £
			Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly.	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year 1919 ..	267	678	64,958	35,040	99,996	..	..	4,224,686	2,856,250
" 1920 ..	349	650	68,038	22,349	90,382	..	..	587,156	432,988
" 1921 ..	535	567	108,573	29,921	138,494	..	..	547,838	493,267
" 1922 ..	842	657	88,257	14,042	102,299	..	..	568,520	579,491
" 1923 ..	200	601	54,809	5,390	60,199	..	..	892,306	1,038,519
1st Quarter, 1923	56	103	14,934	440	15,374	49,472	82,688	132,160	129,099
2nd Quarter, 1923	39	65	17,987	714	18,701	445,143	24,054	469,197	562,620
3rd Quarter, 1923	35	55	6,434	1,660	8,094	39,622	194,973	234,600	279,930
4th Quarter, 1923	63	72	13,083	1,735	14,818	44,277	12,072	56,349	66,870
VICTORIA.									
Year 1919 ..	62	372	15,169	7,437	22,606	..	..	733,333	392,796
" 1920 ..	53	809	15,274	24,534	39,808	..	..	783,286	465,244
" 1921 ..	20	118	4,119	2,161	6,280	..	..	109,595	69,629
" 1922 ..	29	412	5,819	811	6,130	..	..	64,701	47,696
" 1923 ..	29	133	6,279	771	7,050	..	..	98,880	108,512
1st Quarter, 1923	7	41	2,315	..	2,315	78,113	437	78,550	92,322
2nd Quarter, 1923	3	9	895	..	895	4,528	677	5,205	3,735
3rd Quarter, 1923	6	6	329	19	348	604	..	604	432
4th Quarter, 1923	12	76	2,717	752	3,469	14,521	..	14,521	12,023
QUEENSLAND.									
Year 1919 ..	69	295	9,078	6,336	15,414	..	..	586,661	327,537
" 1920 ..	55	71	3,775	2,033	5,808	..	..	68,298	44,943
" 1921 ..	38	97	3,367	1,512	4,879	..	..	95,560	69,708
" 1922 ..	38	49	2,611	620	3,231	..	..	36,730	32,589
" 1923 ..	25	36	2,724	340	3,064	..	..	55,131	53,081
1st Quarter, 1923	7	7	435	..	435	4,440	21,558	25,998	26,867
2nd Quarter, 1923	5	5	597	120	817	3,930	..	3,930	3,427
3rd Quarter, 1923	3	3	522	100	622	7,960	..	7,960	6,912
4th Quarter, 1923	7	7	827	21	848	11,604	1,000	12,604	11,241
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year 1919 ..	32	75	4,437	3,409	7,846	..	..	238,378	127,303
" 1920 ..	40	126	4,732	1,067	5,799	..	..	232,402	140,326
" 1921 ..	19	45	2,153	1,002	3,160	..	..	57,038	37,315
" 1922 ..	19	229	2,294	929	3,223	..	..	114,334	43,222
" 1923 ..	10	23	806	975	1,781	..	..	25,971	20,440
1st Quarter, 1923	2	7	47	18	65	690	..	690	341
2nd Quarter, 1923	1	1	3	..	3	33	..	33	20
3rd Quarter, 1923	2	2	145	..	145	279	..	279	308
4th Quarter, 1923	5	13	611	957	1,568	24,969	..	24,969	19,771

* Total estimated loss during the respective periods for all disputes.

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work), 1919 to 1923 (4th Quarter)—continued.

Periods.	No. of New Disputes.	No. of establishments involved in New Disputes.	No. of Workpeople involved in New Disputes.			No. of Working Days Lost—All Disputes.			Total Estimated Loss in Wages. £
			Directly.	Indirectly.	Total.	New Disputes.	Old Disputes.	Total.	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year 1919 ..	20	157	5,516	4,460	9,976	..	..	359,987	213,867
" 1920 ..	45	434	9,095	2,918	12,013	..	..	146,640	108,055
" 1921 ..	12	56	1,906	10,157	12,063	..	..	145,103	86,038
" 1922 ..	8	91	643	163	806	..	..	43,472	38,208
" 1923 ..	6	88	1,255	2,752	4,007	..	..	72,274	53,408
1st Quarter, 1923	1	1	12	..	12	60	36,056	36,116	29,986
2nd Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3rd Quarter, 1923	2	3	104	..	104	1,222	..	1,222	628
4th Quarter, 1923	2	4	691	2,727	3,418	32,386	2,550	34,936	22,794
TASMANIA.									
Year 1919 ..	5	127	1,098	588	1,686	..	..	63,271	32,738
" 1920 ..	12	14	1,610	146	1,756	..	..	54,283	32,160
" 1921 ..	5	5	75	150	225	..	..	1,483	986
" 1922 ..	5	5	382	4	386	..	..	9,284	7,497
" 1923 ..	3	3	197	..	197	..	..	1,093	1,296
1st Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2nd Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3rd Quarter, 1923	1	1	16	..	16	32	..	32	22
4th Quarter, 1923	2	2	181	..	181	1,061	..	1,061	1,274
NORTHERN TERRITORY.									
Year 1919 ..	5	9	46	21	67	..	..	1,910	1,436
" 1920 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 1922 ..	2	2	40	..	40	..	..	1,040	770
" 1923 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1st Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2nd Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3rd Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4th Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY.									
Year 1919 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 1920 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 1922 ..	2	2	217	..	217	..	..	2,604	2,035
" 1923 ..	1	1	23	..	23	..	..	322	250
1st Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2nd Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3rd Quarter, 1923	1	1	23	..	23	322	..	322	250
4th Quarter, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL.									
Year 1919 ..	460	1,713	100,300	57,291	157,591	..	..	6,308,226	3,951,936
" 1920 ..	554	2,104	102,519	53,047	155,566	..	..	1,872,065	1,223,716
" 1921 ..	624	888	120,198	44,903	165,101	..	..	956,617	757,028
" 1922 ..	445	1,447	100,263	16,069	116,332	..	..	858,685	751,507
" 1923 ..	274	885	66,093	10,228	76,321	..	..	1,145,977	1,275,506
1st Quarter, 1923	73	159	17,743	458	18,201	132,775	140,739	273,514	278,615
2nd Quarter, 1923	48	80	19,582	834	20,416	453,634	24,731	478,365	569,802
3rd Quarter, 1923	50	71	7,573	1,779	9,352	50,041	194,978	245,019	288,482
4th Quarter, 1923	91	174	18,110	6,192	24,302	128,818	15,622	144,440	133,973

* Total estimated loss during the respective periods for all disputes.

NOTE.—The figures for the years 1919 to 1921 show all losses caused by disputes which commenced during those years (See Labour Reports for particulars in respect of calendar years). The quarterly figures show losses which occurred during the quarter.

CHANGES IN RATES OF WAGE.—Number and Effect, 1919 to 1923.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	F.C.T.	* All States.	Total.
Changes.										
{ Year 1919 ..	457	218	216	136	112	128	13	..	4	1,284
" 1920 ..	734	354	300	231	209	154	7	..	10	1,999
" 1921 ..	353	247	233	166	108	77	..	..	16	1,200
" 1922 ..	444	137	132	131	60	64	..	1	3	972
" 1923 ..	578	246	65	148	90	100	1	1	24	1,253
Persons Affected.										
{ Year 1919 ..	230,031	125,693	116,627	35,377	26,673	16,108	1,287	..	2,095	603,891
" 1920 ..	454,610	258,211	145,464	76,605	55,489	28,317	703	..	7,887	1,027,286
" 1921 ..	272,782	238,084	115,722	44,696	22,695	14,783	..	..	23,503	732,265
" 1922 ..	363,909	90,172	78,791	35,722	18,547	16,038	..	337	24,600	628,116
" 1923 ..	519,440	276,094	30,051	63,209	32,057	25,618	71	1,002	43,010	990,852
Net Increase per week.										
{ Year 1919 ..	£137,642	£43,930	£43,718	£11,989	£10,249	£7,350	£618	..	£949	£256,445
" 1920 ..	£223,186	£119,706	£69,748	£30,316	£25,195	£14,593	£684	..	£6,280	£494,708
" 1921 ..	£38,371	£77,425	£30,790	£13,400	£11,395	£6,370	..	..	£7,898	£185,658
" 1922† ..	£42,930	£6,625	£14,836	£2,687	£1,589	£1,701	..	£56	£138	£70,562
" 1923 ..	£53,868	£36,934	£2,177†	£9,784	£60†	£1,755	£20†	£298	£3,645	£104,018
Average Increase per head per week.										
{ Year 1919 ..	9s. 10d.	7s. 0d.	7s. 6d.	6s. 9d.	7s. 8d.	9s. 2d.	9s. 7d.	..	9s. 1d.	8s. 6d.
" 1920 ..	10s. 0d.	9s. 3d.	9s. 7d.	7s. 11d.	9s. 1d.	10s. 4d.	19s. 6d.	..	15s. 11d.	9s. 8d.
" 1921 ..	2s. 10d.	6s. 6d.	5s. 4d.	6s. 0d.	10s. 1d.	8s. 7d.	..	..	6s. 9d.	5s. 1d.
" 1922† ..	2s. 4d.	1s. 6d.	3s. 9d.	1s. 6d.	1s. 9d.	2s. 1d.	..	3s. 4d.	0s. 1d.	2s. 3d.
" 1923 ..	2s. 9d.	2s. 8d.	1s. 5d.†	3s. 11d.	0s. 1d.†	1s. 4d.	5s. 8d.†	5s. 11d.	1s. 9d.	3s. 0d.

* Changes recorded in this column are common to all States, as the particulars relating to the number of workpeople affected and the net amount of increase per week in each State were not ascertainable. † Decrease throughout.

CHANGES IN RATES OF WAGE.—Number and Effect, 3rd and 4th Quarters, 1923.

State.	Increases.			Decreases.			Total Result of all Changes.			Average Amount of Increase per head per week.
	Changes.	Work-people affected.	Increase per Week.	Changes.	Work-people affected.	Decrease per Week.	Changes.	Work-people affected.	Net Increase per Week.	
3RD QUARTER, 1923.										
N.S.W.	62	57,394	£ 8,510	9	5,137	£ 855	71	62,531	£ 7,655	s. d. 2 5
Vic. . .	57	55,232	13,975	3	1,155	479	60	56,387	13,505	4 10
Q'land . .	7	997	188	1	15,000	3,225	8	15,997	3,037†	3 10†
S.A. . .	29	15,132	3,890	5	314	163	34	15,446	3,727	4 10
W.A. . .	6	1,957	503	2	450	109	8	2,407	399	3 4
Tas. . .	14	4,005	844	..	..	..	14	4,005	844	4 3
N. Terr. . .	..	..	..	1	71	20	1	71	20†	5 8†
All States*	5	10,600	1,669	2	100	6	7	10,700	1,663	3 1
Total	180	145,317	29,584	23	22,227	4,848	203	167,544	24,736	3 0
4TH QUARTER, 1923.										
N.S.W.	271	265,477	£ 39,253	9	4,074	£ 448	280	269,551	£ 38,805	s. d. 2 11
Vic. . .	88	100,810	23,596	5	9,140	1,123	93	109,950	22,473	4 1
Q'land . .	37	6,967	996	3	803	242	40	7,770	754	1 11
S.A. . .	64	24,670	4,380	3	1,245	181	67	25,915	4,199	3 3
W.A. . .	50	14,035	1,987	5	8,624	2,085	55	22,659	† 98	0 10†
Tas. . .	44	9,729	1,534	2	400	18	46	10,129	1,516	3 0
All States*	10	19,095	2,579	1	1,815	484	11	20,910	2,095	5 11
Fed. Cap. Territory	1	1,002	298	..	..	..	1	1,002	298	2 0
Total	565	441,785	74,623	28	26,101	4,581	593	467,88 6	70,042	3 0

* See footnote to preceding table.

† Decrease.

Changes in Rates of Wage according to Industrial Groups, Australia, 1919 to 1923.

Particulars.	INDUSTRIAL GROUP.														ALL GROUPS.*
	I. Wood, Furniture, Timber, &c.	II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c.	IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c.	V. Books, Printing, &c.	VI. Other Manufacturing.	VII. Building.	VIII. Mines, Quarries, &c.	IX. Rail and Tram Services.	X. Other Land Transport.	XI. Shipping, &c.	XII. Pastoral, &c.	XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	XIV. Miscellaneous.	
1919.															
Number of Changes ..	39	89	156	31	41	138	42	29	74	37	59	11	49	373	1,168
Number of Persons affected ..	13,616	44,133	72,603	26,905	9,335	50,530	19,053	34,501	114,365	20,871	34,294	9,030	25,799	128,856	603,891
Amount of Increase per week £	4,890	20,381	23,551	11,308	4,449	17,829	8,941	17,434	56,872	8,701	18,168	5,739	7,620	50,562	256,445
1920.															
Number of Changes ..	68	123	241	56	83	245	82	61	82	52	70	19	55	481	1,724
Number of Persons affected ..	44,732	74,853	81,876	55,345	19,757	71,671	61,552	47,865	136,854	28,532	16,842	26,580	34,285	326,542	1,027,286
Amount of Increase per week £	19,015	29,145	41,333	21,271	11,088	31,126	41,050	30,385	54,959	11,605	11,871	20,701	12,258	158,342	494,708
1921.															
Number of Changes ..	22	81	105	45	23	156	27	22	67	32	44	10	39	294	972
Number of Persons affected ..	11,915	58,632	55,555	89,542	12,116	55,766	24,717	6,322	127,860	24,885	37,904	1,815	17,904	207,332	732,265
Amount of Increase per week £	2,650	17,244	13,658	16,143	4,000	14,666	10,196	2,896	18,573	2,717	17,986	853	4,339	59,737	185,658
1922.															
Number of Changes ..	17	90	74	24	32	116	29	27	66	36	23	14	28	248	824
Number of Persons affected ..	14,824	68,844	34,987	13,793	13,533	64,285	48,603	17,716	86,161	12,603	28,432	56,292	15,663	152,380	628,116
Amount of Decrease per week £	2,028	14,399	5,805	1,412	1,722	6,784	8,069	2,330	15,311	2,075	559	4,136†	1,288	12,916	70,562
1923.															
Number of Changes ..	25	91	103	16	22	120	33	21	105	31	71	7	25	269	939
Number of Persons affected ..	60,724	102,475	72,851	19,593	10,445	82,785	79,635	18,223	155,830	23,510	79,466	24,720	21,724	238,821	990,852
Amount of Increase per week £	6,209	12,253	3,594	333‡	1,021	9,144	13,034	828	11,990	237	6,873	9,647	3,117	26,399	10,497

* In this Table an Industrial Award or Agreement under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act, an Order of the War Precautions Coal Board, the Arbitration (Public Service) Act, or the Industrial Peace Act, is counted as one change only, although such Award, Agreement, or Order may be operative in more than one State.

† Increase.

‡ Decrease.

Wages.—Adult Males—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable, and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1923.

Industrial Groups.	Particulars.*	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	101/-	101/10	96/6	96/-	94/8	98/8	90/2
	Working Hours	45.94	46.23	44.11	45.64	47.87	45.60	45.99
	Hourly Wage	2/2½	2/2½	2/2½	2/1½	1/11½	2/2	2/2
II. Engineering, Works, &c. Metal {	Weekly Wage	98/4	98/11	93/7	93/9	95/3	101/6	97/4
	Working Hours	47.01	48.00	44.00	48.00	47.25	48.00	47.51
	Hourly Wage	2/0½	2/0½	2/1½	1/11½	2/0½	2/1½	2/0½
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	94/3	96/2	92/10	92/6	92/-	90/5	94/2
	Working Hours	47.02	47.11	45.43	46.41	47.21	47.94	46.73
	Hourly Wage	2/-	2/0½	2/0½	2/-	1/11½	1/10½	2/0½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	92/3	93/-	100/5	100/5	96/5	87/3	93/11
	Working Hours	44.45	45.85	44.00	44.00	44.36	46.29	44.99
	Hourly Wage	2/1	2/0½	2/3½	2/3	2/2	2/10½	2/1
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	104/3	106/5	90/2	102/5	110/10	98/8	104/5
	Working Hours	44.30	44.90	44.00	47.53	43.10	46.00	44.71
	Hourly Wage	2/4½	2/4½	2/3	2/1½	2/6½	2/1½	2/4
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	96/2	97/1	93/8	95/2	95/11	95/5	96/2
	Working Hours	47.14	47.48	45.24	48.00	47.60	47.65	47.21
	Hourly Wage	2/0½	2/0½	2/0½	1/11½	2/0½	2/-	2/0½
VII. Building ..	Weekly Wage	104/4	104/7	104/11	98/10	100/3	104/6	103/8
	Working Hours	44.95	44.00	44.00	44.00	46.32	44.15	44.50
	Hourly Wage	2/3½	2/4½	2/4½	2/3	2/2	2/4½	2/4
VIII. Mining† ..	Weekly Wage	105/-	104/10	111/7	71/5	105/6	96/2	104/5
	Working Hours	43.83	45.12	43.03	43.79	43.87	45.42	44.04
	Hourly Wage	2/4½	2/3½	2/7	1/7½	2/4½	2/1½	2/4½
IX. Rail and Tram Services {	Weekly Wage	97/2	100/-	98/4	95/9	93/9	95/-	97/8
	Working Hours	48.00	47.49	47.89	48.50	48.00	48.00	47.89
	Hourly Wage	2/0½	2/1½	2/0½	1/11½	1/11½	1/11½	2/0½
X. Other Land Transport {	Weekly Wage	91/5	94/-	86/-	95/10	99/0	98/1	92/6
	Working Hours	48.14	48.47	48.33	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.24
	Hourly Wage	1/10½	1/11½	1/9½	2/-	2/0½	2/0½	1/11
XI. Shipping, &c.. ..	Weekly Wage‡	100/5	104/10	102/4	104/9	101/8	104/-	102/4
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c. {	Weekly Wage§	85/6	82/10	88/9	84/2	87/2	88/9	85/8
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. ..	Weekly Wage||	87/1	84/-	82/3	84/3	83/8	66/4	84/6
	Working Hours	48.14	48.43	48.00	48.00	48.00	54.00	48.35
	Hourly Wage	1/9½	1/8½	1/8½	1/9	1/9	1/2½	1/9
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	92/-	96/4	89/9	88/5	87/3	89/-	92/3
	Working Hours	47.80	48.02	46.69	47.78	48.00	48.56	47.76
	Hourly Wage	1/11	2/-	1/11	1/10½	1/9½	1/10	1/11½
All Groups ..	Weekly Wage	94/6	95/7	94/2	90/9	94/2	92/4	94/4
	Working Hours	46.73	47.06	45.51	47.00	46.66	47.27	46.70
All Groups excepting XI. and XII. {	Weekly Wage	96/6	98/-	95/9	91/8	95/2	93/3	96/3
	Working Hours	46.73	47.06	45.51	47.00	46.66	47.27	46.70
	Hourly Wage	2/0½	2/1	2/1½	1/11½	2/0½	1/11½	2/0½

* Particulars relate to the *Average Weighted* weekly wage, working hours, and hourly wage, respectively.
 † Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. ‡ Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where provided, at 90s. 6d. per month.
 § Including the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages—Adult Females—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable, and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1923.

Industrial Groups.	Particulars.*	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aus- tralia.
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	43/6	45/0	41/11	39/9	35/-	44/6	44/1
	Working Hours	46.50	48.00	46.17	48.00	44.00	48.00	47.22
	Hourly Wage	-/11½	-/11½	-/11	-/10	-/9½	-/11½	-/11½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	50/4	48/11	52/2	52/9	51/9	46/9	50/1
	Working Hours	44.14	45.29	44.00	44.00	44.00	45.11	44.84
	Hourly Wage	1/1½	1/1	1/2½	1/2½	1/2	1/0½	1/1½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	47/2	51/2	45/1	46/2	..	45/-	48/10
	Working Hours	46.48	46.97	44.07	47.50	..	48.00	46.64
	Hourly Wage	1/0½	1/1	1/0½	-/11½	..	-/11½	1/0½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	47/8	49/5	47/-	45/1	61/8	53/11	49/5
	Working Hours	47.08	47.69	47.33	48.00	48.00	54.00	47.64
	Hourly Wage	1/0½	1/0½	1/-	-/11½	1/3½	1/-	1/0½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	50/4	50/11	53/-	36/6	..	49/6	..
	Working Hours	47.43	46.50	47.00	48.00	..	..	47.10
	Hourly Wage	1/0½	1/1½	1/1½	0/9½	..	..	1/0½
All Groups	Weekly Wage	49/3	49/5	50/5	46/4	56/4	48/6	49/6
	Working Hours	45.81	46.13	45.60	46.10	45.97	47.86	45.98
	Hourly Wage	1/1	1/0½	1/1½	1/0	1/2½	1/0½	1/1

* Particulars relate to the average weighted weekly rates of wage, working hours, and hourly wage respectively. † Including the value of board and lodging, where supplied, in order that the rate may be comparable with those paid in other industries.

Wages—Adult Males—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 30th June, 1914, to 31st December, 1923.

NOTE.—Index-numbers based on the average wage for Australia in 1911 (51s. 3d.) as base (= 1,000). The index-numbers in this table are comparable throughout.

Dates.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aus- tralia.
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RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
30th June, 1914	55	11	54	4	52	10	54	4	62	9	52	7	55	3
31st December, 1914	56	2	54	7	53	5	54	5	62	10	52	8	55	7
30th June, 1921	95	3	92	0	96	5	85	8	93	6	88	3	93	3
31st December, 1921	95	10	93	7	96	8	89	5	95	0	91	8	94	6
30th June, 1922	93	8	91	5	94	0	87	5	93	6	88	7	92	4
31st December, 1922	91	6	91	4	93	10	87	6	93	9	88	5	91	6
30th June, 1923	91	10	91	1	93	9	87	5	93	3	88	3	91	6
30th September, 1923	92	9	93	6	94	0	89	2	94	9	90	11	92	11
31st December, 1923	94	6	95	7	94	2	90	9	94	2	92	4	94	4

INDEX-NUMBERS.

	1,091	1,059	1,030	1,060	1,225	1,026	1,079
30th June, 1914	1,091	1,059	1,030	1,060	1,225	1,026	1,079
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
30th June, 1921	1,858	1,796	1,881	1,672	1,824	1,722	1,820
31st December, 1921	1,869	1,826	1,886	1,745	1,853	1,788	1,844
30th June, 1922	1,828	1,784	1,835	1,708	1,824	1,728	1,801
31st December, 1922	1,785	1,783	1,830	1,708	1,829	1,720	1,785
30th June, 1923	1,791	1,778	1,829	1,705	1,820	1,723	1,785
30th September, 1923	1,810	1,825	1,835	1,740	1,849	1,774	1,813
31st December, 1923	1,844	1,865	1,837	1,770	1,838	1,802	1,840

Wages—Adult Females—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 30th June, 1914, to 31st December, 1923.

NOTE.—Index-numbers based on the average wage for Australia at 30th April, 1914 (27s. 2d.) as base (= 1,000). The index-numbers in this table are comparable throughout.

Dates.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aus- tralia.
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RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
30th June, 1914	26	9	27	4	27	0	24	1	37	4	25	10	27	2
31st December, 1914	26	10	27	9	27	1	24	1	37	4	25	10	27	5
30th June, 1921	48	6	46	2	49	10	43	7	54	11	46	9	47	7
31st December, 1921	49	0	47	10	50	3	45	2	56	4	47	6	48	8
30th June, 1922	48	4	47	10	48	2	44	6	56	4	47	8	48	1
31st December, 1922	47	8	48	0	48	2	44	0	56	4	47	7	47	11
30th June, 1923	47	6	48	0	48	2	44	0	56	4	47	7	47	10
30th September, 1923	47	6	48	2	48	2	44	0	56	4	47	7	47	11
31st December, 1923	49	3	49	5	50	5	46	4	56	4	48	6	49	6

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY
RATES, ETC.—*continued.*

Dates.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aus- tralia.
INDEX-NUMBERS.							
30th June, 1914	984	1,006	993	885	1,373	950	1,000
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,008
30th June, 1921	1,785	1,700	1,835	1,605	2,022	1,721	1,751
31st December, 1921	1,803	1,761	1,849	1,661	2,074	1,749	1,790
30th June, 1922	1,778	1,760	1,771	1,639	2,073	1,749	1,770
31st December, 1922	1,754	1,767	1,771	1,620	2,075	1,751	1,763
30th June, 1923	1,747	1,767	1,771	1,620	2,075	1,751	1,760
30th September, 1923	1,749	1,774	1,771	1,620	2,075	1,751	1,764
31st December, 1923	1,812	1,819	1,855	1,704	2,075	1,785	1,821

Boards Authorized and Constituted, Awards, Determinations, and Agreements in
Force, 31st December, 1923.

Particulars.	Common- wealth.		N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
	Court.	Pub. Ser. Arb.							
1. <i>Boards Authorized and Con- stituted—</i>									
Number of Boards authorized .. .. .	..	..	*274	177	..	76	..	47	574
Number of Boards constituted .. .. .	..	..	*274	175	..	76	..	41	566
2. <i>Boards Constituted which have made Awards or Determina- tions—</i>									
Number of Boards which had made or varied awards or determinations .. .. .	..	..	*258	166	..	66	..	33	523
Number of Boards which had not made any award or de- termination .. .. .	..	..	*16	9	..	10	..	8	43
3. <i>Number of Awards and Deter- minations in Force†</i>	141	29	318	171	216	78	87	48	1,088
4. <i>Scope of State Awards and De- terminations—</i>									
Number applying to the whole State .. .. .	..	..	31	43	65	9	5	39	192
Number applying to the Metro- politan area only .. .. .	..	..	85	1	48	47	49	..	230
Number applying to the Metro- politan and Country towns .. .. .	..	..	137	116	43	2	7	7	312
Number applying to the Coun- try areas .. .. .	..	..	65	11	60	20	26	2	184
5. <i>Number of Commonwealth Court Awards in Force in each State</i> .. .. .	..	..	81	109	32	79	40	62	..
6. <i>Number of Determinations of the Public Service Arbitrator in Force in each State</i> .. .. .	..	..	28	25	25	26	26	24	..
7. <i>Industrial Agreements in Force</i>	454	..	116	..	50	43	72	5	740
8. <i>Number of Commonwealth Agree- ments in Force in each State</i> .. .. .	..	..	64	284	24	48	38	18	..
9. <i>Number of Persons working under State Awards, Deter- minations, and Industrial Agreements (estimated)</i> .. .. .	..	..	275,000	184,500	100,000	32,000	35,000	15,000	641,500

* Excluding Special Demarcation Boards. In pursuance of section 14 of the *Industrial Arbitration Act* 1912, as amended, the Court of Industrial Arbitration has been exercising the functions of Industrial Boards.

† Including awards made by Industrial Courts.

Section VIII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Retail Price Index-Numbers,*—Capital Cities, 1901 to 1923.†

CITY.	1901.	1907.	1911.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED.—GROCERIES AND FOOD.													
Sydney ..	917	936	989	1,156	1,396	1,520	1,540	1,549	1,783	2,148	1,898	1,708	1,812
Melbourne ..	965	925	935	1,091	1,411	1,462	1,412	1,466	1,620	2,056	1,901	1,644	1,794
Brisbane ..	965	947	1,018	1,078	1,373	1,426	1,405	1,495	1,762	2,052	1,812	1,608	1,685
Adelaide ..	1,028	951	1,020	1,215	1,487	1,532	1,445	1,554	1,719	2,132	1,906	1,723	1,815
Perth ..	1,184	1,197	1,346	1,302	1,483	1,542	1,505	1,486	1,772	2,050	1,995	1,776	1,820
Hobart ..	1,011	1,010	1,058	1,212	1,445	1,523	1,544	1,635	1,748	2,162	2,025	1,794	1,855
Weighted Average*..	972	955	1,000	1,144	1,416	1,495	1,472	1,514	1,716	2,101	1,902	1,684	1,797

GROUP IV.—HOUSE RENT.

Sydney ..	858	911	1,090	1,279	1,220	1,212	1,216	1,252	1,289	1,415	1,474	1,535	1,617
Melbourne ..	733	804	970	1,126	1,085	1,089	1,124	1,180	1,283	1,405	1,502	1,597	1,672
Brisbane ..	488	575	767	882	859	847	859	905	983	1,061	1,079	1,206	1,247
Adelaide ..	629	812	1,112	1,040	932	930	959	1,022	1,108	1,218	1,289	1,360	1,450
Perth ..	801	684	810	914	848	869	874	885	916	996	1,055	1,062	1,124
Hobart ..	667	708	805	914	928	928	951	956	1,134	1,373	1,440	1,445	1,602
Weighted Average*..	751	816	1,000	1,135	1,081	1,081	1,098	1,143	1,215	1,333	1,404	1,480	1,549

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—GROCERIES, FOOD, AND HOUSE RENT.

Sydney ..	893	926	1,031	1,206	1,323	1,394	1,407	1,427	1,580	1,847	1,724	1,634	1,737
Melbourne ..	870	875	950	1,105	1,277	1,309	1,294	1,349	1,481	1,788	1,737	1,625	1,749
Brisbane ..	769	794	915	997	1,162	1,188	1,181	1,252	1,442	1,645	1,511	1,442	1,510
Adelaide ..	864	894	1,058	1,143	1,259	1,285	1,244	1,335	1,468	1,756	1,652	1,574	1,670
Perth ..	1,027	986	1,126	1,143	1,222	1,266	1,246	1,239	1,420	1,617	1,609	1,495	1,538
Hobart ..	869	886	954	1,090	1,233	1,278	1,301	1,356	1,496	1,837	1,785	1,651	1,756
Weighted Average*..	880	897	1,000	1,140	1,278	1,324	1,318	1,362	1,510	1,785	1,697	1,600	1,700

* As the price index-number increases, the purchasing-power of money diminishes.

† Index-Numbers for intervening years not given may be found in Labour Report No. 6, p. 26.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PREDOMINANT WEEKLY RENTALS—CAPITAL CITIES. 1st QUARTER, 1922, TO 1st QUARTER, 1924, INCLUSIVE.

CITY.	1922.				1923.				1924.
	1st Quarter (Jan. to March).	2nd Quarter (April to June).	3rd Quarter (July to Sept.).	4th Quarter (Oct. to Dec.).	1st Quarter (Jan. to March).	2nd Quarter (April to June).	3rd Quarter (July to Sept.).	4th Quarter (Oct. to Dec.).	1st Quarter (Jan. to March).
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	23 7	23 11	24 1	24 2	24 9	25 5	25 5	25 5	25 10
Melbourne ..	24 3	24 11	25 1	25 6	25 7	26 1	26 3	26 3	26 7
Brisbane ..	18 2	18 10	19 1	19 3	19 6	19 6	19 6	19 6	19 5
Adelaide ..	20 11	21 1	21 3	21 8	22 3	22 9	22 9	22 9	22 11
Perth ..	16 10	17 1	17 1	17 2	17 6	17 7	17 6	17 7	17 7
Hobart ..	22 1	22 7	22 8	22 10	23 9	25 2	25 5	25 8	26 0

NOTE.—The rentals are shown to the nearest penny.

Retail Price Index-Numbers** (Food, Groceries, and Housing) for each of Thirty Towns, 1912, 1914, 1920 to 1924 (1st Quarter), with Weighted Average for the Six Capital Cities in 1911 as Base (=1,000).†

Particulars.	1912.	1914.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.			1924.
	Whole Year.	Whole Year.	Whole Year.	Whole Year.	Whole Year.	Whole Year.	1st Qtr. (Jan. to March.)	4th Qtr. (Oct. to Dec.).	1st Qtr. (Jan. to March.)
NEW SOUTH WALES—									
Sydney ..	1,148	1,206	1,847	1,724	1,634	1,737	1,658	1,752	1,729
Newcastle ..	955	994	1,766	1,669	1,545	1,637	1,571	1,675	1,648
Broken Hill§	1,080	1,068	1,712	1,554	1,346	1,486	1,391	1,535	1,511
Goulburn ..	1,042	1,130	1,836	1,694	1,571	1,730	1,641	1,741	1,743
Bathurst ..	919	987	1,615	1,493	1,352	1,449	1,378	1,470	1,414
*Weighted Average	1,125	1,179	1,831	1,709	1,610	1,719	1,641	1,737	1,714
VICTORIA—									
Melbourne ..	1,055	1,105	1,788	1,737	1,625	1,749	1,638	1,756	1,717
Ballarat ..	914	904	1,558	1,502	1,376	1,498	1,403	1,525	1,489
Bendigo ..	926	922	1,535	1,492	1,384	1,495	1,409	1,508	1,464
Geelong ..	996	1,012	1,623	1,612	1,474	1,582	1,500	1,607	1,557
Warrnambool ..	935	959	1,640	1,604	1,433	1,566	1,450	1,610	1,582
*Weighted Average	1,033	1,073	1,747	1,698	1,583	1,722	1,614	1,731	1,692
QUEENSLAND—									
Brisbane ..	979	997	1,645	1,511	1,442	1,510	1,464	1,549	1,545
Toowoomba ..	977	950	1,576	1,432	1,317	1,469	1,405	1,524	1,474
Rockhampton ..	962	988	1,557	1,424	1,313	1,387	1,332	1,445	1,398
Charters Towers ..	1,008	988	1,557	1,423	1,312	1,392	1,335	1,446	1,455
Warwick ..	1,004	912	1,568	1,468	1,322	1,422	1,373	1,467	1,443
*Weighted Average	981	988	1,619	1,486	1,403	1,490	1,441	1,533	1,521
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—									
Adelaide ..	1,157	1,143	1,756	1,653	1,574	1,670	1,590	1,688	1,690
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	917	960	1,571	1,476	1,358	1,411	1,378	1,415	1,395
Port Pirie§	1,004	1,055	1,630	1,525	1,401	1,454	1,381	1,502	1,459
Mount Gambier ..	874	923	1,468	1,418	1,270	1,345	1,271	1,372	1,311
Peterborough ..	1,014	1,126	1,607	1,536	1,418	1,460	1,416	1,479	1,490
*Weighted Average	1,126	1,122	1,728	1,628	1,543	1,647	1,571	1,664	1,662
WEST AUSTRALIA—									
Perth, &c. ..	1,154	1,143	1,617	1,609	1,495	1,538	1,483	1,516	1,567
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	1,334	1,291	1,706	1,647	1,515	1,571	1,507	1,562	1,577
Northam ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,490	1,433	1,500	1,538
Bunbury ..	1,104	1,111	1,465	1,487	1,432	1,452	1,398	1,435	1,460
Geraldton ..	1,255	1,315	1,621	1,596	1,465	1,532	1,482	1,533	1,543
*Weighted Average	1,191	1,175	1,627	1,611	1,496	1,539	1,483	1,519	1,564
TASMANIA—									
Hobart ..	1,042	1,090	1,837	1,785	1,651	1,756	1,670	1,798	1,800
Launceston ..	999	1,014	1,692	1,612	1,539	1,645	1,578	1,691	1,681
Burnie ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,644	1,545	1,706	1,702
Devonport ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,661	1,576	1,703	1,673
Queenstown ..	988	1,021	1,521	1,468	1,341	1,406	1,332	1,467	1,452
*Weighted Average	1,012	1,041	1,734	1,671	1,557	1,704	1,623	1,748	1,744
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	1,080	1,113	1,753	1,668	1,564	1,677	1,593	1,693	1,673
†Weighted Average 6 Capital Cities..	1,101	1,140	1,785	1,697	1,600	1,700	1,614	1,713	1,695
¶Townsville (Q.) ..	..	..	1,864	1,765	1,661	1,716	1,697	1,759	1,770

* Average for the five towns. † Average for thirty towns. ‡ See remarks on page 336 Labour Report No. 7, with reference to change of base period. § See remarks on page 367, Labour Report No. 7, paragraph (iv.) re house rent. ¶ Not included in weighted average for Queensland or Australia.

** As the price index-number increases, the purchasing-power of money diminishes.

Retail Price Index-Numbers (Food, Groceries, and Housing) for each of Thirty Towns for the periods specified, with Weighted Average for Six Capital Cities in 1911 as Base (=1,000).

State and Town.	1923.			1924.	Index-Numbers for Twelve Months ending—	
	Second Quarter (April to June).	Third Quarter (July to September).	Fourth Quarter (October to December).	First Quarter (January to March).	31st December, 1923.	31st March, 1924.
NEW SOUTH WALES—						
Sydney	1,744	1,793	1,752	1,729	1,737	1,755
Newcastle	1,619	1,682	1,675	1,648	1,637	1,656
Broken Hill	1,479	1,537	1,535	1,511	1,486	1,516
Goulburn	1,751	1,786	1,741	1,743	1,730	1,755
Bathurst	1,435	1,514	1,470	1,414	1,449	1,458
Weighted Average, New South Wales	1,724	1,775	1,737	1,714	1,719	1,738
VICTORIA—						
Melbourne	1,763	1,839	1,756	1,717	1,749	1,769
Ballarat	1,488	1,574	1,525	1,489	1,498	1,519
Bendigo	1,502	1,562	1,508	1,464	1,495	1,509
Geelong	1,577	1,642	1,607	1,557	1,582	1,596
Warrnambool	1,564	1,638	1,610	1,582	1,566	1,599
Weighted Average, Victoria	1,734	1,809	1,731	1,692	1,722	1,742
QUEENSLAND—						
Brisbane	1,500	1,525	1,549	1,545	1,510	1,530
Goowoomba	1,446	1,502	1,524	1,474	1,469	1,487
Rockhampton	1,361	1,408	1,445	1,398	1,387	1,403
Charters Towers	1,375	1,411	1,446	1,455	1,392	1,422
Warwick	1,406	1,443	1,467	1,443	1,422	1,440
Weighted Average, Queensland	1,477	1,507	1,533	1,521	1,490	1,510
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—						
Adelaide	1,686	1,714	1,688	1,690	1,670	1,695
Kadina, &c.	1,426	1,423	1,415	1,395	1,411	1,415
Port Pirie	1,447	1,486	1,502	1,459	1,454	1,474
Mount Gambier	1,344	1,392	1,372	1,311	1,345	1,355
Peterborough	1,471	1,475	1,479	1,490	1,460	1,479
Weighted Average, South Australia	1,664	1,687	1,664	1,662	1,647	1,669
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—						
Perth, &c.	1,595	1,559	1,516	1,567	1,538	1,559
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,613	1,601	1,562	1,577	1,571	1,588
Northam	1,524	1,537	1,500	1,538	1,490	1,525
Bunbury	1,496	1,480	1,435	1,460	1,452	1,468
Geraldton	1,564	1,548	1,533	1,543	1,532	1,547
Weighted Average, Western Australia	1,593	1,561	1,519	1,564	1,539	1,559
TASMANIA—						
Hobart	1,759	1,796	1,798	1,800	1,756	1,788
Launceston	1,620	1,690	1,691	1,681	1,645	1,671
Burnie	1,631	1,693	1,706	1,702	1,644	1,683
Devonport	1,650	1,713	1,703	1,673	1,661	1,685
Queenstown	1,380	1,444	1,467	1,452	1,406	1,436
Weighted Average, Tasmania	1,697	1,746	1,748	1,744	1,704	1,734
Weighted Average for 30 Towns	1,686	1,735	1,693	1,673	1,677	1,697
Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities	1,711	1,760	1,713	1,695	1,700	1,720

Retail Price Index-Numbers (Food, Groceries, Housing, Clothing, and Miscellaneous Expenditure) for each of Thirty Towns for the periods specified, with Weighted Average for the Six Capital Cities in November, 1914, as Base (= 1,000).

State and Town.	Novem- ber, 1914	Novem- ber, 1920	Novem- ber, 1921	Novem- ber, 1922	1st Qtr. (Jan. to March) 1923.	2nd Qtr. (April to June) 1923.	3rd Qtr. (July to Sept.) 1923.	4th Qtr. (Oct. to Dec.) 1923.
NEW SOUTH WALES—								
Sydney ..	1,037	1,681	1,477	1,440	1,417	1,456	1,478	1,456
Newcastle	1,461	1,366	1,382	1,416	1,419	1,406
Broken Hill	1,348	1,290	1,290	1,332	1,360	1,355
Goulburn	1,469	1,405	1,434	1,487	1,501	1,480
Bathurst	1,342	1,261	1,276	1,306	1,343	1,313
*Weighted Average	1,469	1,425	1,414	1,450	1,469	1,449
VICTORIA—								
Melbourne ..	986	1,704	1,475	1,417	1,427	1,483	1,515	1,471
Ballarat	1,435	1,365	1,317	1,352	1,383	1,349
Bendigo	1,444	1,344	1,317	1,353	1,382	1,354
Geelong	1,471	1,424	1,366	1,396	1,426	1,405
Warrnambool	1,486	1,323	1,336	1,386	1,425	1,412
*Weighted Average	1,470	1,408	1,415	1,469	1,501	1,459
QUEENSLAND—								
Brisbane ..	898	1,511	1,330	1,275	1,323	1,340	1,347	1,356
Toowoomba	1,330	1,229	1,287	1,318	1,342	1,350
Rockhampton	1,393	1,278	1,258	1,261	1,291	1,308
Charters Towers	1,434	1,213	1,248	1,264	1,277	1,290
Warwick	1,428	1,294	1,297	1,310	1,322	1,321
*Weighted Average	1,353	1,266	1,311	1,328	1,338	1,348
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—								
Adelaide ..	997	1,657	1,411	1,370	1,415	1,454	1,469	1,455
Kadina, etc.	1,408	1,254	1,309	1,334	1,323	1,319
Port Pirie	1,438	1,305	1,293	1,321	1,341	1,347
Mount Gambier	1,448	1,278	1,273	1,313	1,334	1,326
Peterborough	1,352	1,228	1,316	1,329	1,334	1,323
*Weighted Average	1,413	1,356	1,405	1,442	1,455	1,443
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—								
Perth, etc. ..	1,001	1,552	1,409	1,301	1,351	1,403	1,370	1,339
Kalgoorlie, etc.	1,470	1,343	1,375	1,429	1,418	1,390
Northam	1,296	1,332	1,335	1,310
Bunbury	1,417	1,332	1,303	1,358	1,326	1,302
Geraldton	1,459	1,318	1,361	1,399	1,384	1,371
*Weighted Average	1,424	1,313	1,352	1,403	1,374	1,344
TASMANIA—								
Hobart ..	997	1,724	1,536	1,452	1,485	1,517	1,547	1,527
Launceston	1,535	1,431	1,419	1,424	1,463	1,459
Burnie	1,360	1,389	1,420	1,424
Devonport	1,374	1,400	1,422	1,415
Queenstown	1,423	1,301	1,301	1,320	1,353	1,364
*Weighted Average	1,511	1,414	1,450	1,473	1,506	1,493
Weighted Average for 30 Towns	1,451	1,388	1,400	1,441	1,460	1,436
Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities ..	1,000†	1,665	1,454	1,402	1,408	1,452	1,472	1,446

* Weighted average for five towns.

† Basis of table.

RETAIL PRICES : Amount necessary on the Average in each Year from 1901 to 1924 (1st Quarter) to purchase in each Capital City what would have cost on the Average £1 in 1911 in the Australian Capitals regarded as a whole.

Year.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.
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FOOD AND GROCERIES (46 COMMODITIES).

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1901	18 4	19 4	19 4	20 7	23 3	20 3	19 4
1907	18 9	18 6	18 11	19 0	23 11	20 2	19 1
1911	19 9	18 8	20 4	20 5	26 11	21 2	20 0
1919	35 8	32 5	35 3	34 5	35 5	35 0	34 4
1920	43 0	41 1	41 1	42 8	41 0	43 3	42 0
1921	38 0	38 0	36 3	38 1	40 0	40 6	38 0
1922	34 1	32 11	32 2	34 6	35 6	35 11	33 8
1923	36 5	36 1	33 10	36 6	36 7	37 3	36 1
1922—1st Quarter..	32 10	31 6	32 3	33 5	34 9	35 10	32 7
2nd " ..	33 6	33 0	31 11	35 7	36 7	36 5	33 8
3rd " ..	35 1	34 0	32 3	35 1	36 3	36 2	34 7
4th " ..	34 9	33 0	32 2	33 10	34 6	35 1	33 10
1923—1st " ..	34 2	32 9	32 4	34 1	34 9	35 6	33 7
2nd " ..	36 6	35 6	33 6	36 11	38 5	37 2	36 6
3rd " ..	38 2	39 0	34 5	37 10	37 4	38 3	38 0
4th " ..	36 9	35 11	35 2	37 0	35 9	38 1	36 4
1924—1st " ..	35 8	34 7	35 2	36 11	37 6	37 11	35 7

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION (WEIGHTED AVERAGE—ALL HOUSES).

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1901	17 3	14 8	9 9	12 7	16 0	13 4	15 1
1907	18 4	16 1	11 6	16 3	13 8	14 2	16 4
1911	21 10	19 5	15 4	22 3	16 3	16 1	20 0
1919	25 9	25 8	19 8	22 2	18 4	22 8	24 4
1920	28 4	28 1	21 3	24 4	19 11	27 5	26 8
1921	29 6	30 0	21 7	25 9	21 0	28 10	28 1
1922	30 8	31 11	24 1	27 2	21 10	28 11	29 7
1923	32 4	33 5	24 11	29 0	22 6	32 1	31 0
1922—1st Quarter..	30 3	31 1	23 4	26 10	21 7	28 4	29 0
2nd " ..	30 8	31 11	24 1	27 0	21 10	29 0	29 7
3rd " ..	30 11	32 2	24 5	27 3	21 10	29 0	29 9
4th " ..	31 0	32 9	24 7	27 9	22 0	29 3	30 1
1923—1st " ..	31 8	32 9	24 11	28 6	22 5	30 5	30 4
2nd " ..	32 6	33 5	24 11	29 1	22 7	32 4	31 0
3rd " ..	32 7	33 7	24 11	29 2	22 5	32 7	31 2
4th " ..	32 7	34 0	25 0	29 2	22 6	32 11	31 4
1924—1st " ..	33 1	34 1	24 10	29 4	22 7	33 3	31 7

FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING COMBINED.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1901	17 10	17 5	15 5	17 3	20 6	17 5	17 7
1907	18 6	17 6	15 11	17 11	19 9	17 9	17 11
1911	20 7	19 0	18 4	21 2	22 6	19 1	20 0
1919	31 7	29 7	28 10	29 4	28 5	29 11	30 2
1920	36 11	35 9	32 11	35 1	32 4	36 9	35 8
1921	34 6	34 10	30 3	33 1	32 2	35 8	33 11
1922	32 8	32 6	28 10	31 6	29 11	33 0	32 0
1923	34 9	35 0	30 2	33 5	30 9	35 1	34 0
1922—1st Quarter..	31 9	31 4	28 7	30 8	29 4	32 9	31 1
2nd " ..	32 4	32 7	28 8	32 1	30 6	33 4	32 0
3rd " ..	33 4	33 2	29 1	31 11	30 4	33 3	32 7
4th " ..	33 3	32 10	29 1	31 4	29 4	32 9	32 3
1923—1st " ..	33 2	32 9	29 2	31 10	28 8	33 5	32 3
2nd " ..	34 11	35 3	30 0	33 9	31 11	35 2	34 3
3rd " ..	35 10	36 9	30 6	34 3	31 2	35 11	35 2
4th " ..	35 1	35 1	31 0	33 9	30 4	36 0	34 3
1924—1st " ..	34 7	34 4	30 11	33 10	31 4	36 0	33 11

**RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (FOOD AND GROCERIES), FOR EACH OF
THIRTY TOWNS FOR THE MONTHS SPECIFIED, WITH WEIGHTED
AVERAGE FOR SIX CAPITAL CITIES IN 1911 AS BASE (=1000).†**

Particulars.	1914.	1921.		1922.		1923.		1924.		Per- centage in- crease from July, 1914, to Mar., 1924.
	July.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	1,153	2,155	2,036	1,620	1,634	1,706	1,697	1,774	1,765	53.1
Newcastle	1,147	2,177	2,083	1,633	1,647	1,723	1,723	1,807	1,798	56.8
Rockhampton	1,468	2,497	2,486	1,698	1,728	1,852	1,852	2,010	2,008	36.8
Goulburn	1,183	2,183	2,106	1,669	1,636	1,724	1,747	1,803	1,815	53.4
Bathurst	1,097	2,145	2,026	1,595	1,574	1,630	1,665	1,700	1,699	54.9
* Weighted Average ..	1,165	2,171	2,059	1,625	1,638	1,710	1,704	1,783	1,774	52.3
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	1,106	2,158	2,151	1,565	1,575	1,621	1,647	1,734	1,707	54.3
Ballarat	1,103	2,175	2,174	1,593	1,607	1,640	1,635	1,749	1,744	58.1
Bendigo	1,107	2,110	2,098	1,570	1,607	1,647	1,654	1,751	1,760	59.0
Geelong	1,089	2,171	2,177	1,582	1,599	1,622	1,632	1,712	1,681	54.5
Warrnambool	1,087	2,176	2,193	1,514	1,538	1,579	1,587	1,762	1,767	62.6
* Weighted Average ..	1,105	2,157	2,154	1,568	1,580	1,622	1,646	1,734	1,710	54.8
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	1,057	1,963	1,956	1,600	1,588	1,608	1,608	1,740	1,721	62.8
Toowoomba	1,041	1,847	1,788	1,508	1,494	1,565	1,556	1,658	1,645	58.0
Rockhampton	1,156	1,980	1,967	1,605	1,595	1,641	1,631	1,733	1,734	50.0
Charters Towers ..	1,246	2,080	2,029	1,708	1,677	1,739	1,713	1,950	1,834	47.2
Warwick	1,083	1,979	1,956	1,568	1,552	1,606	1,597	1,699	1,663	53.6
* Weighted Average ..	1,082	1,964	1,947	1,599	1,586	1,612	1,609	1,740	1,719	58.9
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	1,250	2,137	2,137	1,669	1,697	1,697	1,704	1,846	1,842	47.4
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	1,230	2,128	2,116	1,647	1,677	1,715	1,716	1,778	1,783	45.0
Port Pirie	1,291	2,177	2,166	1,732	1,739	1,690	1,691	1,825	1,816	40.7
Mount Gambier	1,064	2,049	2,057	1,584	1,604	1,622	1,636	1,671	1,686	58.5
Peterborough	1,340	2,117	2,104	1,747	1,742	1,748	1,756	1,736	1,797	34.1
* Weighted Average ..	1,247	2,135	2,134	1,670	1,696	1,697	1,703	1,839	1,836	47.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth, &c.	1,340	2,153	2,171	1,740	1,760	1,727	1,752	1,876	1,896	41.5
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	1,664	2,357	2,360	1,936	1,963	2,024	2,025	2,125	2,161	29.9
Northam .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,867	1,860	1,933	1,980	..
Bunbury	1,418	2,106	2,142	1,839	1,861	1,743	1,750	1,837	1,922	35.5
Geraldton	1,445	2,116	2,152	1,776	1,801	1,876	1,883	1,935	1,924	33.1
* Weighted Average ..	1,412	2,193	2,209	1,787	1,809	1,765	1,786	1,903	1,926	36.4
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	1,211	2,220	2,177	1,796	1,791	1,760	1,762	1,892	1,896	56.6
Launceston	1,144	2,146	2,106	1,686	1,696	1,704	1,710	1,860	1,863	62.8
Burnie .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,715	1,729	1,917	1,953	..
Devonport .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,719	1,743	1,862	1,851	..
Queenstown	1,315	2,175	2,165	1,808	1,821	1,827	1,834	2,034	1,999	52.0
* Weighted Average ..	1,201	2,191	2,153	1,764	1,765	1,743	1,748	1,887	1,890	57.4
† Weighted Average, Australia	1,164	2,145	2,103	1,624	1,636	1,677	1,684	1,780	1,769	52.0
** Townsville (Queensland) ..	..	2,264	2,229	1,872	1,873	1,875	1,864	1,913	1,895	..

* Average for the five towns. † Average for thirty towns.

‡ See remarks on page 31 of Labour Report No. 6 with reference to change of base period.

** Not included in weighted average for Queensland or Australia.

NOTE.—Corresponding index-numbers for the intervening months are given in Labour Reports Nos. 6 to 12; in Labour Bulletins Nos. 17 and 18; and in the Quarterly Summaries of Statistics Nos. 70 to 94.

**AVERAGE PREDOMINANT RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL TOWNS OF NEW SOUTH WALES ON THE
15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1924.**

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lbs.	4.90	4.85	4.90	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50
Flour ..	25 „	47.40	47.50	47.50	48.71	50.86	50.86	51.00	50.57	50.57	46.80	46.20	46.20	42.20	45.00	44.40
Tea ..	lb.	25.50	25.40	25.50	24.29	24.29	24.29	29.67	29.71	29.71	28.80	28.40	29.00	27.00	23.70	24.90
Coffee ..	„	25.20	25.20	25.20	25.71	25.71	25.71	30.00	30.00	30.00	27.80	27.80	27.80	26.80	25.60	26.80
Sugar ..	„	4.73	4.73	4.70	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.60	4.70	4.75
Rice ..	„	3.25	3.25	3.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.58	5.64	5.64	4.20	4.00	4.00	3.70	3.80	4.00
Sago ..	„	4.90	4.90	5.00	5.07	4.93	5.07	6.67	6.71	6.71	5.20	5.00	5.00	5.60	5.60	5.60
Jam ..	„	8.07	8.00	7.85	8.13	8.11	8.10	8.11	8.19	8.10	9.47	9.47	9.47	8.53	8.53	9.07
Oatmeal ..	„	3.77	3.76	3.76	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.48	4.45	4.45	4.26	4.26	4.26	4.52	4.48	4.52
Raisins ..	„	9.15	9.35	9.20	10.14	10.14	9.86	11.83	11.64	11.43	11.60	11.40	11.40	11.50	11.50	11.60
Currants ..	„	8.65	8.70	8.70	9.14	9.14	9.21	9.33	9.14	9.07	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.10	8.70	8.80
Starch ..	„	9.15	9.05	9.15	10.21	10.21	10.29	10.92	11.07	11.07	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.88	10.60	10.60
Blue ..	doz. sq.	15.95	16.15	16.25	16.50	16.50	16.21	12.25	12.92	12.43	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.40	17.40	17.40
Candles ..	lb.	10.85	10.90	11.15	11.64	11.71	11.86	11.67	11.86	11.86	11.60	12.20	12.00	11.70	11.70	11.70
Soap ..	„	5.20	5.31	5.39	5.80	5.61	5.61	6.32	6.37	6.37	5.96	5.86	5.66	6.40	6.60	6.57
Potatoes ..	14 lbs.	29.90	25.60	24.25	29.57	24.00	23.57	29.50	24.07	23.79	26.40	21.90	22.50	25.20	21.80	21.20
Onions ..	lb.	2.05	2.15	1.95	2.29	2.29	2.27	2.17	2.14	2.14	2.40	2.40	2.50	2.00	2.20	2.20
Kerosene ..	gal.	22.76	23.20	23.80	25.86	26.14	26.14	35.00	34.29	33.43	26.66	27.40	27.25	29.00	27.75	28.50
Dairy Produce—																
Milk ..	quart	8.25	8.25	8.25	7.50	7.50	7.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
Butter ..	lb.	23.00	21.05	20.60	23.57	21.00	20.67	24.33	24.14	24.14	23.00	20.90	20.60	22.80	21.60	21.10
Cheese ..	„	16.35	15.25	14.55	15.86	14.92	14.64	18.33	17.71	17.57	17.60	16.20	15.40	17.40	16.00	15.80
Eggs ..	doz.	21.50	27.75	30.65	22.43	27.17	30.00	17.33	22.57	22.83	21.60	25.00	26.80	18.20	22.60	22.00
Bacon, Middle ..	lb.	21.20	21.85	22.20	19.79	20.67	20.86	19.67	19.71	20.14	21.80	22.80	23.00	19.75	21.00	21.75
Shoulder ..	„	14.22	14.75	14.83	16.50	17.00	17.33	17.40	18.00	17.17	16.20	17.60	17.40	14.25	15.00	16.33
Ham ..	„	25.75	26.38	26.13	24.00	24.00	24.20	21.00	21.14	21.43	21.25	22.00	22.00	25.50	26.00	26.03
Meat—																
Beef, Sirloin ..	„	10.35	10.10	9.95	10.14	10.07	9.64	9.71	9.71	9.71	9.50	9.50	9.50	8.80	8.60	8.40
„ Ribs ..	„	8.10	7.80	7.55	8.14	8.04	7.68	7.86	7.86	7.86	7.75	7.75	7.88	7.20	7.20	7.20
„ Flank ..	„	7.15	7.25	6.90	6.50	6.50	6.29	6.20	6.20	5.60	6.50	6.50	6.50	4.75	4.75	4.75
„ Shin ..	„	5.17	4.60	4.45	5.07	5.07	4.71	7.00	7.00	6.50	5.50	4.50	4.50	4.80	4.80	4.80
Steak, Rump ..	„	14.90	14.90	14.80	13.14	13.14	12.71	16.00	16.00	16.00	12.25	12.25	12.25	11.60	11.60	11.40
„ Shoulder ..	„	7.20	6.95	6.70	8.29	8.21	7.71	10.29	10.14	10.57	7.75	7.75	8.00	6.80	6.80	6.60
„ Stewing ..	„	5.75	5.60	5.35	7.07	7.21	7.00	9.86	9.86	10.00	7.75	7.25	7.50	6.40	6.40	6.20
Beef, Corned Roll ..	„	7.60	7.75	7.70	9.29	9.07	8.79	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.75	9.75	7.80	7.80	7.80
„ Brisket, with bone ..	„	3.80	3.65	3.60	5.14	4.86	4.71	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.25	6.50	5.40	5.40	5.40
„ „ without bone ..	„	6.40	6.25	6.20	8.00	7.93	7.29	8.14	8.14	7.86	8.75	8.75	8.75	7.25	7.50	7.50
Mutton, Leg ..	„	8.85	8.75	8.85	10.57	10.57	10.71	11.86	11.86	12.00	9.75	9.15	10.00	8.40	8.80	8.80
„ Shoulder ..	„	6.85	6.85	6.95	8.43	8.21	8.36	9.71	9.71	9.71	7.75	7.75	8.00	6.80	7.00	6.60
„ Loin ..	„	9.65	9.65	9.85	10.14	9.86	10.14	11.57	11.57	11.43	10.25	10.75	10.75	8.40	8.60	8.60
„ Neck ..	„	7.25	7.20	7.25	8.07	8.08	7.57	9.00	9.00	8.86	5.00	5.00	5.75	4.60	4.60	4.60
Chops, Loin ..	„	11.05	11.05	11.15	10.93	10.79	10.93	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	8.40	8.80	8.80
„ Leg ..	„	10.00	9.90	10.25	11.17	11.00	11.33	12.43	12.14	12.14	10.25	10.25	10.25	8.60	9.00	9.00
„ Neck ..	„	7.55	7.80	7.75	8.86	8.07	8.57	11.14	10.86	11.00	8.00	8.25	8.25	6.20	6.20	6.20
Pork, Leg ..	„	16.30	15.65	15.70	15.00	14.71	14.71	14.43	14.43	14.00	12.75	13.25	12.75	12.40	12.40	12.40
„ Loin ..	„	16.70	16.50	16.10	15.00	14.71	14.71	14.43	14.43	14.43	14.25	14.25	14.25	12.80	12.80	12.80
„ Belly ..	„	13.15	13.55	13.45	12.86	12.29	12.29	13.29	13.29	13.57	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.80	10.80	10.80
„ Chops ..	„	16.90	17.10	16.90	15.29	15.00	15.00	16.71	16.71	16.86	15.25	15.25	15.25	12.80	12.80	12.80

**AVERAGE PREDOMINANT RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS OF VICTORIA ON THE 15th OF
THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1924.**

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lbs.	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour ..	25 „	49.95	49.80	49.65	47.57	47.57	46.71	48.43	48.00	47.14	42.60	42.60	42.60	48.00	48.60	47.40
Tea ..	lb.	25.80	25.80	26.10	23.57	23.57	23.57	22.86	23.00	23.00	23.60	23.60	23.60	23.50	24.20	24.20
Coffee ..	„	24.10	24.10	24.10	20.86	20.86	21.29	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.60	23.60	23.60	23.75	23.80	23.80
Sugar ..	„	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.95	4.94	4.95	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00
Rice ..	„	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.50	3.50	3.57	3.79	3.93	3.93	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.50	3.60	3.70
Sago ..	„	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.64	4.57	4.57	4.50	4.79	4.86	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.63	4.80	4.80
Jam ..	„	7.82	7.75	7.75	8.48	8.48	8.24	8.00	7.81	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.83	8.37	8.37
Oatmeal ..	„	3.42	3.49	3.49	3.39	3.43	3.54	3.46	3.75	3.86	3.69	3.74	3.67	3.93	3.97	3.97
Raisins ..	„	10.25	10.25	10.20	9.50	9.64	9.50	9.71	9.71	9.57	10.60	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.20	10.20
Currants ..	„	9.20	9.25	9.25	8.79	8.79	8.79	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.70	8.70	8.70	9.25	9.20	9.00
Starch ..	„	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.71	10.43	10.43	10.57	10.57	10.43	9.60	9.60	9.50	10.00	10.40	10.40
Blue ..	doz. sq.	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.50	12.71	12.50	13.07	13.07	13.07	13.40	13.40	13.40	12.50	13.40	12.70
Candles ..	lb.	11.40	11.50	11.40	11.14	11.14	11.00	11.86	11.86	11.86	10.20	10.30	10.30	10.00	10.00	10.00
Soap ..	„	5.16	5.26	5.28	5.57	5.57	5.40	4.93	5.14	5.10	4.90	5.10	5.10	4.88	5.10	5.10
Potatoes ..	14 lbs.	21.67	16.17	12.86	20.79	15.07	10.07	18.50	10.00	15.43	16.80	13.40	11.10	13.75	13.60	13.20
Onions ..	lb.	1.43	1.31	1.39	1.54	1.43	1.41	1.89	1.86	1.57	1.50	1.50	1.40	1.38	1.30	1.10
Kerosene ..	gal.	25.21	25.21	25.39	30.71	30.71	30.71	30.00	30.43	30.86	26.40	27.00	27.00	25.00	25.60	24.20
Dairy Produce—																
Milk ..	quart	7.45	7.50	7.45	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Butter ..	lb.	22.10	18.25	20.20	22.00	21.43	20.57	23.07	21.29	20.00	21.40	20.40	19.00	23.00	21.90	21.40
Cheese ..	„	13.90	18.40	17.70	16.14	16.14	15.57	15.71	14.86	13.71	15.60	15.20	14.60	16.00	16.20	16.80
Eggs ..	doz.	13.80	28.60	27.56	14.57	18.29	19.29	13.71	16.43	19.71	15.00	23.00	21.60	13.50	17.00	18.00
Bacon, Middle ..	lb.	22.80	22.70	22.70	22.14	22.29	22.29	20.43	20.43	20.57	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.00	21.20	21.20
„ Shoulder ..	„	15.57	15.57	15.57	15.29	15.29	15.29	13.50	13.50	13.67	15.80	15.80	15.80	13.50	14.20	14.40
Ham ..	„	24.88	24.88	24.88	23.43	24.14	24.14	21.83	21.50	21.50	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.25	22.40	22.90
Meat—																
Beef, Sirloin ..	„	10.40	10.50	10.50	9.93	9.86	9.86	9.43	9.57	9.57	10.00	10.00	10.20	10.60	10.60	10.60
„ Ribs ..	„	8.60	8.60	8.80	8.21	8.21	8.43	8.57	8.71	8.86	8.40	8.60	8.80	8.60	8.60	8.80
„ Flank ..	„	7.44	7.39	7.39	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.50	4.79	4.43	7.00	7.00	7.00	5.80	5.80	5.80
„ Shin ..	„	5.45	5.30	5.30	4.57	4.71	4.57	5.29	5.57	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Steak, Rump ..	„	13.10	15.20	15.10	14.43	14.71	14.43	13.00	13.29	13.29	14.60	14.60	14.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
„ Shoulder ..	„	7.90	8.00	7.95	7.57	7.71	7.71	8.71	8.71	8.86	8.60	8.60	8.40	9.00	9.00	9.00
„ Stewing ..	„	6.30	6.40	6.30	6.71	6.57	6.86	7.71	7.86	7.57	7.20	7.20	7.20	8.60	8.60	8.60
Beef, Corned Roll ..	„	9.10	9.80	9.05	10.00	10.00	9.86	8.57	8.57	8.71	9.40	9.40	9.60	10.40	10.40	10.40
„ Brisket, with bone ..	„	4.83	5.06	5.06	6.14	6.00	6.14	5.71	6.00	6.00	6.40	6.40	6.20	6.50	6.50	6.50
„ „ without bone ..	„	7.05	7.30	7.20	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.57	7.71	7.57	7.60	7.60	7.60	8.20	8.20	8.20
Mutton, Leg ..	„	9.35	9.80	9.95	9.07	9.71	10.71	9.57	9.71	10.57	10.00	10.00	10.60	10.40	10.40	11.20
„ Shoulder ..	„	6.25	6.50	6.50	6.57	6.71	7.71	7.43	7.14	7.86	7.40	7.40	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.80
„ Loin ..	„	9.10	9.25	9.30	8.43	8.71	9.71	9.14	9.43	9.71	10.00	10.00	10.60	10.00	10.00	10.60
„ Neck ..	„	5.55	5.60	5.65	5.57	6.00	6.71	6.14	6.00	6.57	7.60	7.60	7.90	7.80	7.80	7.80
Chops, Loin ..	„	10.35	10.50	10.75	9.29	9.71	11.14	10.00	10.86	11.43	10.40	10.40	10.80	11.20	11.20	11.60
„ Leg ..	„	10.56	10.61	10.78	10.29	10.57	11.57	9.86	10.29	11.29	10.20	10.20	10.60	11.60	11.60	12.20
„ Neck ..	„	6.35	6.45	6.55	7.00	7.14	8.00	7.71	8.00	8.43	8.8	8.80	8.80	9.20	9.20	9.20
Pork, Leg ..	„	14.67	14.50	14.30	12.86	13.00	13.00	12.67	12.33	12.67	13.75	13.40	13.60	12.40	12.40	12.60
„ Loin ..	„	15.11	14.80	14.90	12.86	13.14	13.29	12.50	12.50	12.88	14.00	14.20	14.00	12.40	12.40	12.80
„ Belly ..	„	14.00	13.60	13.70	13.00	13.00	13.29	11.83	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	13.80	12.00	12.00	12.00
„ Chops ..	„	15.44	15.40	15.10	13.43	13.71	13.57	12.88	13.33	13.67	14.50	14.60	14.40	13.00	13.00	13.60

AVERAGE PREDOMINANT RETAIL PRICES RULING IN THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS OF QUEENSLAND ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS ENDING FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			CHARTERS TOWERS.			WARWICK.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lbs.	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.21	5.21	5.21	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.00	5.00	5.00
Flour ..	25 "	52.80	53.20	52.80	58.00	57.00	56.57	53.57	53.71	53.57	62.40	61.80	61.20	59.60	58.25	58.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.60	27.60	27.90	28.00	27.00	27.43	26.57	25.71	26.57	28.80	28.80	28.80	28.40	28.00	28.00
Coffee ..	"	28.80	28.80	28.80	25.67	26.14	26.14	25.43	26.29	25.86	29.40	29.40	29.40	23.00	23.50	23.50
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.76	4.76	4.75	5.30	5.25	5.25	5.00	5.00	5.00
Rice ..	"	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.58	3.57	3.64	3.07	3.07	3.07	4.00	4.10	4.10	3.65	3.69	3.69
Sago ..	"	4.48	4.50	4.55	4.92	4.86	4.86	4.71	4.71	4.71	5.90	5.80	5.90	5.20	5.25	5.25
Jam ..	"	8.38	8.33	8.30	9.04	8.82	8.82	8.71	8.71	8.71	10.50	10.50	10.40	9.30	9.00	9.00
Oatmeal ..	"	3.43	3.56	3.66	4.04	4.03	3.86	4.07	4.03	4.07	4.17	4.48	4.46	4.20	4.32	4.32
Raisins ..	"	10.70	10.65	10.70	10.42	10.43	10.29	11.00	11.00	10.71	14.25	14.25	13.75	11.40	11.50	11.50
Currants ..	"	9.40	9.50	9.45	9.83	9.64	9.64	9.57	9.57	9.57	11.00	11.00	10.90	10.20	10.00	10.00
Starch ..	"	10.35	10.35	10.35	11.50	11.29	11.29	10.57	10.29	10.57	12.40	12.20	12.20	12.00	12.00	12.00
Blue ..	doz. sq.	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.14	14.79	14.79	13.80	13.80	13.65	13.95	15.25	15.25
Candles ..	lb.	9.90	10.00	10.10	9.83	9.79	9.64	10.29	10.29	10.29	13.40	13.40	13.80	11.00	11.50	11.50
Soap ..	"	5.00	4.80	4.76	4.25	4.43	4.64	3.83	4.01	4.16	5.13	5.56	27.60	38.20	26.25	22.75
Potatoes ..	14 lbs.	32.70	24.50	22.40	36.00	24.00	22.14	32.29	28.71	26.14	49.80	41.40	27.60	1.90	1.88	1.75
Onions ..	lb.	1.95	1.90	1.77	2.04	1.82	1.74	1.71	1.71	1.71	2.30	2.20	2.10	2.60	2.50	2.50
Kerosene ..	gal.	23.62	24.72	25.32	26.83	26.93	26.43	22.00	22.71	22.71	24.89	25.77	25.45			
Dairy Produce—																
Milk ..	quart	7.85	7.65	7.45	7.86	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	8.00	6.75	6.75	6.00
Butter ..	lb.	22.80	20.38	20.00	22.83	20.43	19.86	23.00	20.36	19.71	25.80	23.60	22.00	23.60	21.00	20.75
Cheese ..	"	15.90	15.60	15.30	17.00	15.43	15.43	17.71	17.43	17.29	19.00	19.20	18.00	17.00	16.50	16.25
Eggs ..	doz.	21.40	26.50	32.30	19.17	19.29	26.71	21.14	25.71	27.50	22.80	26.25	28.40	19.60	23.00	23.75
Bacon, Middle ..	lb.	20.60	20.70	20.60	20.00	19.57	19.71	20.29	19.86	20.29	21.00	21.20	20.00	20.20	19.25	20.00
Shoulder ..	"	14.30	14.40	14.20	14.50	14.14	13.86	16.29	16.14	16.71	16.20	15.80	15.80	15.60	14.00	14.75
Ham ..	"	25.43	25.71	25.67	27.67	26.00	25.83	28.86	28.86	28.57	25.67	27.67	27.67	26.25	26.00	26.33
Meat—																
Beef, Sirloin ..	"	9.50	9.17	8.94	7.00	7.00	6.86	6.50	7.40	8.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	7.60	7.60	7.60
" Ribs ..	"	6.17	5.94	5.83	4.93	5.00	4.71	4.50	5.20	6.00	4.50	5.50	5.50	5.00	5.00	5.00
" Flank ..	"	5.42	5.33	5.43	4.00	3.86	3.57	2.58	3.40	3.50	3.25	4.25	4.25	3.75	3.75	3.75
" Shin ..	"	3.67	3.56	3.56	3.42	3.08	3.08	2.10	3.00	3.00	2.80	3.70	3.70	2.40	2.40	2.40
Steak, Rump ..	"	11.28	11.06	10.83	8.86	8.86	8.71	7.83	8.42	8.92	9.00	10.00	10.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
" Shoulder ..	"	5.61	5.61	5.44	4.86	4.86	4.57	3.17	3.70	4.75	4.00	5.00	5.00	4.80	4.80	4.80
" Stewing ..	"	5.61	5.50	5.44	4.86	4.86	4.57	2.83	3.50	3.75	4.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50
Beef, Corned Roll ..	"	7.61	7.61	7.56	6.14	6.14	6.29	5.00	5.90	5.92	5.40	6.40	6.40	7.00	7.00	7.00
" Brisket, with bone ..	"	4.00	4.06	4.00	3.93	3.93	3.71	3.17	4.00	4.25	3.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" " without bone ..	"	6.44	6.22	6.11	5.00	4.86	4.57	4.50	5.50	5.75	4.00	4.50	4.50	5.67	5.67	5.67
Mutton, Leg ..	"	10.67	10.39	9.94	9.29	9.43	9.29	10.08	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.90	9.90	9.90
" Shoulder ..	"	7.72	7.17	7.06	6.14	6.29	6.29	7.00	7.00	7.17	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.80	6.80	6.80
" Loin ..	"	10.56	10.17	9.94	9.29	9.43	9.29	10.25	10.20	10.17	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.80	9.80	9.80
" Neck ..	"	9.72	9.11	9.22	7.00	7.00	6.57	6.83	6.20	6.17	7.50	7.50	7.50	5.25	5.25	5.00
Chops, Loin ..	"	10.94	10.56	10.33	9.29	9.43	9.29	10.33	10.70	10.58	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" Leg ..	"	11.06	10.67	10.33	9.43	9.57	9.43	10.33	10.70	10.58	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.25	9.25
" Neck ..	"	10.44	10.06	9.94	8.71	8.71	8.86	9.00	10.20	9.67	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.25	10.80	10.80
Pork, Leg ..	"	14.00	14.57	14.88	11.86	12.00	11.86	12.00	13.20	13.00	11.60	11.80	11.80	10.80	10.80	10.80
" Loin ..	"	14.00	14.57	14.88	11.71	11.86	11.86	12.00	13.20	13.00	11.60	11.80	11.80	8.20	8.20	8.20
" Belly ..	"	11.57	12.50	12.25	9.43	9.71	9.57	10.40	11.75	11.60	10.60	10.80	10.80	11.20	11.20	11.20
" Chops ..	"	14.57	15.14	15.50	11.43	11.57	11.57	12.00	13.20	13.00	11.60	11.80	11.80			

**AVERAGE PREDOMINANT RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA ON THE
15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1924.**

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA, ETC.			PORT PHILL.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lbs.	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Flour	25 „	50.10	50.89	50.33	44.36	44.79	44.79	51.60	51.60	51.60	50.40	49.20	50.40	55.50	57.00	58.20
Tea	lb.	25.30	25.33	25.56	26.29	26.29	26.93	25.86	26.00	26.14	28.20	28.20	28.20	29.20	29.20	29.20
Coffee	„	27.00	27.33	27.44	32.00	32.00	32.00	29.21	29.36	29.36	30.80	30.80	30.80	33.40	33.40	33.40
Sugar	„	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.89	4.82	4.82	4.89	4.90	4.90	4.52	4.38	4.40	5.05	5.05	5.05
Rice	„	3.85	3.78	3.78	4.71	4.71	4.64	4.64	4.71	4.71	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.70	4.70	4.80
Sago	„	4.90	4.94	5.00	5.93	5.93	5.93	5.79	5.64	5.64	4.60	4.60	4.80	6.10	6.10	6.00
Jam	„	8.52	8.57	8.57	8.05	8.24	8.24	8.24	8.24	8.14	7.37	7.17	7.23	7.67	8.00	7.87
Oatmeal	„	3.54	3.62	3.60	4.21	4.12	4.16	4.57	4.59	4.59	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.63	4.71	4.71
Raisins	„	8.60	8.83	8.50	10.57	10.43	10.43	10.36	10.07	10.07	9.20	10.00	9.20	11.40	11.20	11.40
Currants	„	7.60	7.39	7.33	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.90	7.90	7.90	8.60	8.60	8.60
Starch	„	9.10	9.06	9.17	10.64	10.64	10.57	10.07	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.50	10.00	11.20	11.20	11.20
Blue	doz. sq.	13.30	13.08	13.08	12.96	12.96	12.96	12.39	12.39	12.39	12.00	12.50	11.70	12.00	12.00	12.00
Candles	lb.	10.50	10.94	11.00	11.43	11.50	11.64	11.79	11.93	12.07	10.40	10.80	10.90	13.20	13.20	13.20
Soap	„	5.76	5.79	5.79	5.00	5.17	5.78	5.12	5.45	5.10	5.67	5.54	5.36	6.50	6.36	6.40
Potatoes	14 lbs.	20.57	18.83	18.83	23.86	22.29	21.43	25.21	21.57	20.29	19.50	12.00	12.00	26.10	21.90	21.30
Onions	lb.	1.83	1.80	1.80	2.14	2.07	2.07	1.82	1.93	2.14	1.13	1.08	1.21	2.40	2.50	2.50
Kerosene	gal.	23.94	24.37	22.92	26.46	26.46	26.67	24.39	24.67	24.88	25.50	25.00	25.50	28.90	29.21	30.38
Dairy Produce—																
Milk	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.50	7.57	7.57	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.33	6.33	6.33
Butter	lb.	21.75	21.83	21.56	22.29	21.57	21.71	22.57	22.43	21.71	18.20	18.60	19.20	19.80	20.20	20.60
Cheese	„	16.65	16.22	15.67	17.43	16.71	17.00	18.14	17.71	17.00	16.00	15.50	16.00	18.00	17.80	17.40
Eggs	doz.	15.10	20.94	21.67	10.29	15.83	15.29	14.14	19.50	18.86	10.60	13.80	14.00	11.60	16.00	17.20
Bacon, Middle ..	lb.	20.35	20.39	21.72	20.43	20.43	21.14	19.83	20.17	20.17	19.75	19.75	20.75	21.60	21.60	22.40
„ Shoulder	„	14.14	14.17	15.83	17.40	17.60	18.20	17.40	17.40	17.00	15.50	15.25	15.75	19.50	20.00	20.50
Ham	„	23.00	22.75	23.63	22.17	21.50	22.67	21.00	21.25	21.25	20.25	19.75	20.25	24.00	24.00	23.00
Meat—																
Beef, Sirloin ..	„	10.40	10.40	10.30	8.71	8.86	8.86	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.20	9.00	9.00	6.50	6.50	7.25
„ Ribs	„	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.29	8.29	8.29	7.86	8.00	8.14	8.60	8.20	8.40	5.50	5.75	6.50
„ Flank	„	9.22	9.22	9.00	6.71	6.86	6.86	5.14	5.14	5.43	6.60	6.40	6.40	4.33	4.33	5.00
„ Shin	„	7.00	7.00	6.89	5.40	5.60	5.60	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.67	7.00	7.33	3.75	4.00	4.00
Steak, Rump ..	„	15.60	15.60	15.60	12.86	13.14	13.14	13.57	13.57	13.57	13.60	13.20	13.60	12.00	12.00	13.00
„ Shoulder	„	9.50	9.50	9.40	8.43	8.57	8.57	9.86	9.86	9.86	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.50	8.50	9.25
„ Stewing	„	8.70	8.60	8.60	8.14	8.29	8.29	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00
Beef, Corned Roll ..	„	10.95	10.95	10.70	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.14	10.14	10.14	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.25	8.25	9.50
„ Brisket, with bone ..	„	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.71	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.00	7.20	7.00	5.00	5.00	5.50
„ „ without bone ..	„	8.05	8.05	8.05	8.14	8.29	8.29	8.71	8.71	8.71	8.80	8.60	8.80	6.25	6.25	7.25
Mutton, Leg ..	„	11.95	11.70	11.50	9.43	10.14	10.29	10.14	10.71	10.86	10.80	10.60	10.80	9.50	9.50	11.25
„ Shoulder	„	10.05	10.05	9.80	7.57	8.29	8.43	8.86	9.29	9.29	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.25	8.75
„ Loin	„	10.85	10.85	10.95	8.86	9.43	9.57	9.14	9.43	9.57	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.00	9.00	10.50
„ Neck	„	8.70	8.75	8.95	6.50	7.33	7.50	8.00	8.43	8.57	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.75	7.75	8.50
Chops, Loin ..	„	12.30	12.20	12.00	9.57	10.00	10.14	10.43	10.86	11.14	11.40	11.40	11.60	10.50	10.50	11.50
„ Leg	„	12.80	12.70	12.60	9.71	10.14	10.29	10.57	10.86	11.00	11.60	11.60	11.60	10.25	10.25	11.25
„ Neck	„	10.00	9.80	9.70	8.33	9.29	9.57	9.14	9.29	9.57	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.75	8.75	9.25
Pork, Leg	„	15.20	15.20	15.70	10.83	11.17	11.14	11.86	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.80	10.50	10.75	11.50
„ Loin	„	16.10	16.10	16.20	10.83	11.17	11.14	11.86	11.86	11.86	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.25	10.50	10.75
„ Belly	„	15.80	15.90	15.90	10.33	10.67	10.67	11.86	11.86	11.86	11.25	11.25	11.25	10.00	10.00	10.75
„ Chops	„	16.90	17.10	17.20	11.00	11.33	11.33	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	12.25	12.00	12.50

**AVERAGE PREDOMINANT RETAIL PRICES RULING IN THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA ON THE
15th OF THE MONTH OF MARCH 1924.**

Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FREMANTLE.			KALGOORLIE AND BOULDER			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lbs.	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour	25 "	45.80	45.80	45.80	50.57	50.57	50.57	50.20	49.80	48.60	48.80	47.80	48.80	49.20	48.00	51.40
Tea	lb.	24.00	24.00	24.30	28.43	28.00	28.86	27.00	26.60	27.00	23.00	23.00	24.40	30.00	30.00	30.00
Coffee	"	22.20	21.90	22.20	26.14	26.14	26.14	25.20	25.20	24.40	23.00	23.00	23.60	22.60	22.60	21.40
Sugar	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.50	5.50	5.56	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.00	5.00	5.00
Rice	"	3.11	3.05	3.15	4.29	4.29	4.29	3.60	3.40	3.50	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago	"	4.25	4.40	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.29	4.70	4.60	4.60	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.60	4.60	4.60
Jam	"	8.93	8.70	8.63	9.05	9.05	9.05	8.60	8.63	8.53	9.33	9.73	9.47	10.00	9.87	9.67
Oatmeal	"	3.56	3.55	3.69	3.95	3.99	4.09	4.14	4.14	4.14	4.03	4.06	4.06	4.17	4.17	4.34
Raisins	"	6.85	6.75	6.45	11.00	10.86	10.86	7.40	7.30	7.10	9.40	9.40	9.20	10.80	10.60	10.00
Currants	"	7.10	6.95	6.65	8.86	8.71	8.71	7.70	7.40	7.10	9.00	9.00	8.80	9.80	9.40	9.00
Starch	"	9.45	9.35	9.40	12.29	12.14	12.14	10.90	10.90	11.40	11.10	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Blue	doz. sq.	16.65	16.45	16.25	18.86	18.86	18.86	17.00	16.90	16.50	17.80	17.80	17.40	19.20	18.60	18.60
Candles	lb.	10.35	10.50	10.75	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.80	11.90	11.80	10.90	10.90	11.50	12.40	12.40	12.40
Soap	"	4.03	4.28	4.30	6.36	6.18	6.38	6.50	6.15	6.15	5.26	6.00	5.84	5.87	5.10	4.92
Potatoes	14 lbs.	24.60	23.40	22.10	32.14	30.43	28.29	26.40	25.20	24.00	21.60	22.80	23.40	30.60	30.00	29.40
Onions	lb.	1.80	1.75	2.00	2.79	2.71	2.71	2.40	2.30	2.30	2.00	1.90	2.20	3.00	2.30	2.45
Kerosene	gal.	20.33	21.34	21.07	32.69	32.97	32.97	25.32	25.18	22.48	23.61	24.18	24.18	25.66	25.66	24.84
Dairy Produce—																
Milk	quart	8.86	8.88	8.88	9.71	9.71	9.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00
Butter	lb.	23.90	23.30	21.50	26.43	26.00	24.71	24.00	24.40	23.00	24.00	23.50	23.50	25.80	25.60	24.00
Cheese	"	15.70	15.30	15.20	18.43	18.14	18.14	16.00	15.60	15.00	17.40	16.80	16.60	18.80	18.80	17.60
Eggs	doz.	19.00	23.20	30.00	24.86	27.57	31.57	15.40	18.40	25.60	17.40	21.80	24.80	20.80	23.75	27.60
Bacon, Middle ..	lb.	19.85	19.95	20.35	21.43	21.43	21.43	20.20	20.40	20.20	19.40	19.80	20.00	21.00	21.80	22.00
" Shoulder	"	12.40	12.60	12.40	16.71	16.71	16.71	15.40	15.40	14.80	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.20	16.00	16.00
" Ham	"	22.60	22.60	22.70	25.14	25.14	25.14	22.40	22.40	22.40	20.60	21.20	21.40	25.40	25.40	25.00
Meat—																
Beef, Sirloin	"	9.17	9.28	10.06	9.86	9.86	11.14	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	10.75	10.00	10.00	10.00
" Ribs	"	7.78	7.72	8.88	8.86	8.71	9.57	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.75	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
" Flank	"	8.67	8.67	9.38	9.14	9.14	10.29	8.33	8.33	6.67	8.00	8.00	8.25	8.00	8.00	8.00
" Shin	"	6.67	6.78	7.63	7.80	7.80	8.20	7.80	7.80	8.40	7.25	7.25	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Steak, Rump	"	15.22	15.22	15.88	15.43	15.29	16.43	15.00	15.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	16.25	14.00	14.00	14.00
" Shoulder	"	8.89	8.89	9.75	10.14	10.00	10.86	10.00	10.00	11.00	9.50	9.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00
" Stewing	"	7.89	7.89	8.50	8.14	8.14	9.14	9.00	9.00	10.00	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.50	9.50	9.50
Beef, Corned Roll ..	"	9.00	8.89	9.69	9.71	9.71	10.71	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00
" Brisket, with bone	"	5.89	5.78	6.88	6.71	6.71	7.71	6.75	6.50	7.17	6.25	6.50	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" " without bone ..	"	7.33	7.33	8.25	8.57	8.57	9.57	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, Leg	"	11.67	13.06	12.89	11.43	14.14	14.86	11.20	13.00	14.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	9.50	10.00	10.00
" Shoulder	"	9.33	10.33	10.38	9.29	11.29	11.57	10.20	10.80	11.60	8.50	8.50	10.75	9.00	9.00	9.00
" Loin	"	10.56	11.78	11.75	10.29	12.71	13.57	10.60	11.00	12.20	9.75	9.75	12.50	8.50	9.50	9.50
" Neck	"	8.11	9.00	8.88	8.43	10.71	11.14	8.50	9.20	10.40	7.00	7.25	9.50	7.50	8.00	8.00
Chops, Loin	"	11.44	12.78	12.75	11.29	14.00	14.43	12.20	12.60	14.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	9.50	10.50	10.50
" Leg	"	11.66	13.00	13.25	11.71	14.14	14.43	12.20	12.60	14.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	10.00	10.50	10.50
" Neck	"	8.78	9.89	10.00	8.86	11.14	11.71	10.20	10.40	11.60	8.00	8.00	10.25	8.50	9.00	9.00
Pork, Leg	"	14.67	14.56	15.13	14.29	14.29	14.43	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.25	12.00	12.00	12.00
" Loin	"	14.22	14.22	15.00	13.57	13.57	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.25	12.00	12.00	12.00
" Belly	"	12.56	12.78	13.50	12.00	12.00	12.43	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.63	11.63	13.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" Chops	"	15.00	14.89	15.50	14.71	14.71	14.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.75	12.00	12.00	12.00

AVERAGE PREDOMINANT RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS OF TASMANIA ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.*
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lbs.	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.90	4.80	4.80	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Flour ..	25 "	46.10	46.00	46.00	44.00	44.00	43.57	44.80	45.40	44.80	49.20	48.60	48.60	51.60	52.20	53.40
Tea ..	lb.	24.80	25.10	25.10	22.86	22.86	23.14	27.40	27.40	27.40	27.20	27.20	27.80	29.20	29.40	29.40
Coffee ..	"	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.29	22.29	22.29	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.60	24.00	23.20	24.20	24.00	24.00
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00
Rice ..	"	3.85	3.80	3.80	3.21	3.29	3.36	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.80	3.90	4.00	4.30	4.30	4.30
Sago ..	"	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.50	4.57	4.64	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.90	5.00	5.10	5.00	5.00	5.10
Jam ..	"	8.28	8.28	8.28	7.83	7.93	7.57	8.53	8.53	8.40	9.32	9.20	8.93	9.80	9.53	9.33
Oatmeal ..	"	3.79	3.79	3.84	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.99	3.99	3.99	3.77	3.89	3.89	4.31	4.49	4.68
Raisins ..	"	10.85	10.75	10.85	9.79	9.79	9.79	10.20	10.20	10.20	11.10	10.80	11.10	13.90	14.10	14.00
Currants ..	"	10.05	9.95	9.95	9.07	9.07	9.07	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Starch ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.80	10.14	10.14	10.14	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.70	10.70	12.40	12.10	12.40
Blue ..	doz. sq.	12.45	12.45	12.35	11.21	11.57	11.57	12.30	12.30	12.90	12.90	12.30	12.00	12.30	13.10	13.10
Candles ..	lb.	10.30	9.85	10.45	9.29	9.71	9.64	10.60	10.80	10.80	10.20	10.70	10.50	11.70	11.70	11.80
Soap ..	"	4.89	5.80	5.18	4.76	5.04	5.32	6.33	5.93	5.83	5.93	6.17	6.10	6.38	6.38	6.30
Potatoes ..	14 lbs.	27.88	26.50	25.25	27.60	24.50	21.00	26.10	18.90	24.30	25.00	20.50	19.20	35.20	30.10	25.25
Onions ..	lb.	2.00	2.00	2.13	1.90	1.92	1.92	1.80	1.80	1.70	2.30	2.00	2.00	2.60	2.50	2.40
Kerosene ..	gal.	26.92	27.06	27.21	24.64	24.79	25.36	24.60	23.81	25.20	25.32	24.92	25.61	30.48	30.48	33.49
Dairy Produce—																
Milk ..	quart	7.75	7.67	7.67	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.50	8.50	8.50
Butter ..	lb.	21.50	20.20	19.60	20.29	19.86	19.43	19.60	19.60	20.00	18.80	20.20	19.80	24.00	23.20	20.75
Cheese ..	"	15.40	15.10	15.10	15.43	15.00	14.57	15.40	15.20	15.00	15.40	15.40	15.20	17.00	17.60	17.00
Eggs ..	doz.	16.90	20.67	22.00	14.00	18.43	20.43	16.00	17.80	20.40	14.60	16.80	17.80	22.20	23.00	27.00
Bacon, Middle ..	lb.	18.50	18.70	19.30	19.14	19.14	19.57	19.20	19.60	19.80	18.60	19.20	19.60	18.00	18.80	19.00
Shoulder ..	"	12.30	12.30	12.70	11.36	11.36	12.00	15.20	15.20	15.40	14.00	14.00	13.80	15.30	15.90	15.70
Ham ..	"	21.20	21.50	22.00	20.00	20.00	20.50	19.00	19.20	19.40	18.25	18.40	17.70	18.60	19.20	19.40
Meat—																
Beef, Sirloin ..	"	12.10	12.20	12.20	13.14	13.29	13.43	11.75	11.75	11.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.67	10.67	10.67
Ribs ..	"	10.20	10.30	10.30	11.14	11.14	11.57	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.67	10.67	10.67	9.67	9.67	9.67
Plank ..	"	7.70	7.60	7.70	7.71	7.71	8.29	8.25	8.25	8.25	7.67	8.00	7.00	7.33	7.33	7.33
Shin ..	"	7.89	8.11	7.89	7.50	7.33	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	8.50	8.50	8.50
Steak, Rump ..	"	16.60	16.60	17.00	15.43	15.29	14.86	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.33	14.33	14.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
Shoulder ..	"	10.30	10.30	10.50	10.43	10.71	10.29	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.00	10.67	10.67	10.00	10.00	10.00
Stewing ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.25	11.00	11.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.67	9.67	9.67
Beef, Corned Roll ..	"	11.00	11.20	11.40	11.86	11.43	11.71	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.33	11.33	11.33	11.00	11.00	11.00
Brisket, with bone ..	"	6.70	6.80	6.80	7.57	7.71	7.57	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.33	7.33	7.33
" without bone ..	"	9.67	9.67	9.67	10.14	10.00	10.14	10.67	10.67	10.33	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.33	10.33
Mutton, Leg ..	"	11.90	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.57	13.14	13.75	14.00	14.25	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Shoulder ..	"	9.10	9.50	9.50	10.14	10.00	11.00	11.25	11.50	11.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.33	10.33
Loin ..	"	10.80	11.10	11.60	12.00	12.29	12.57	13.25	13.75	13.75	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.33	12.33	12.33
Neck ..	"	8.70	8.60	9.10	9.00	9.29	9.71	10.75	11.00	10.75	9.67	9.33	9.33	10.33	10.33	10.33
Chops, Loin ..	"	12.60	12.90	13.10	13.14	13.57	14.00	14.25	14.25	14.25	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.33
Leg ..	"	12.50	13.00	13.60	12.86	13.14	13.71	14.25	14.25	14.25	13.67	13.67	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.33
Neck ..	"	9.60	9.70	10.00	10.14	10.29	10.86	12.50	12.25	12.50	11.33	11.33	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Pork, Leg ..	"	14.00	14.30	14.40	13.71	14.14	14.43	13.00	13.00	12.75	11.67	12.33	12.67	13.00	13.00	13.00
Loin ..	"	14.40	14.70	14.80	14.14	14.71	15.00	13.25	13.25	13.25	12.00	12.67	12.67	13.00	13.00	13.00
Belly ..	"	14.30	14.70	14.90	13.71	14.14	14.43	13.25	13.25	13.25	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.67	12.33	12.67
Chops ..	"	15.10	15.10	15.30	14.57	15.00	15.00	13.75	13.75	13.55	12.33	12.67	12.67	13.00	13.00	13.00

Section IX.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS, 1861 TO FEBRUARY, 1924,
COMPUTED TO YEAR 1911 AS BASE (=1,000).

Year.	I. Metals and Coal.	II. Jute. Leather, &c.	III. Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	IV. Dairy Pro- duce.	V. Gro- ceries.	VI. Meat.	VII. Building Ma- terials.	VIII. Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1901	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1920	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921	2,173	1,862	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,393	1,903
1922	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
January, 1922	2,031	1,514	1,498	1,424	1,941	1,496	2,148	2,054	1,673
February, 1922	2,023	1,482	1,520	1,429	1,924	1,503	2,135	1,993	1,672
March, 1922	2,007	1,493	1,538	1,455	1,917	1,471	2,053	1,946	1,669
April, 1922	1,997	1,527	1,543	1,612	1,900	1,484	2,087	1,970	1,691
May, 1922	1,973	1,628	1,592	1,861	1,897	1,771	1,972	1,947	1,764
June, 1922	1,961	1,730	1,577	1,823	1,892	1,881	1,856	1,925	1,775
July, 1922	1,942	1,693	1,636	1,882	1,863	1,921	1,842	2,041	1,789
August, 1922	1,897	1,605	1,658	1,728	1,867	2,015	1,837	2,041	1,770
September, 1922	1,882	1,706	1,709	1,749	1,861	2,010	1,847	1,972	1,799
October, 1922	1,870	1,785	1,667	1,680	1,865	2,143	1,959	1,926	1,812
November, 1922	1,859	2,044	1,792	1,609	1,747	1,911	2,093	1,885	1,849
December, 1922	1,856	1,969	1,806	1,520	1,750	1,839	2,237	1,885	1,832
January, 1923	1,856	2,071	1,753	1,617	1,750	1,985	2,171	1,923	1,855
February, 1923	1,851	2,154	1,676	1,680	1,760	1,874	2,083	1,991	1,839
March, 1923	1,815	2,102	1,711	1,813	1,765	1,898	2,022	1,975	1,857
April, 1923	1,813	2,102	1,801	1,996	1,778	1,910	2,042	1,943	1,894
May, 1923	1,829	1,992	1,810	2,066	1,759	2,467	2,045	1,915	1,940
June, 1923	1,819	2,120	1,793	2,081	1,757	3,244	2,025	1,903	2,035
July, 1923	1,825	2,044	1,808	2,006	1,752	3,614	1,950	1,972	2,052
August, 1923	1,822	1,836	1,756	1,786	1,754	3,773	1,991	1,950	2,000
September, 1923	1,820	2,058	1,741	1,745	1,751	3,039	1,992	1,940	1,957
October, 1923	1,817	2,152	1,839	1,732	1,725	2,586	1,994	1,894	1,946
November, 1923	1,819	2,433	1,844	1,730	1,707	2,351	1,993	1,894	1,969
December, 1923	1,823	2,650	1,803	1,794	1,700	2,177	1,984	1,894	1,982
January, 1924	1,823	2,657	1,733	1,794	1,707	2,366	1,981	1,894	1,984
February, 1924	1,736	2,606	1,653	1,753	1,716	2,443	1,942	1,826	1,943

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA, 1871 to 1922.

Heading.		Years.						
		1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1922.
Population ..	Males	928,918	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,932	2,798,727	2,866,461
	Females	771,970	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,551	2,710,346	2,766,820
	Total	1,700,888	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,509,073	5,633,281
Births ..	No.	63,625	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,103	136,198	137,496
	Rate	38.00	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	24.69
Deaths ..	No.	22,175	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	51,311
	Rate	13.24	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	9.21
Marriages ..	No.	11,623	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	44,731
	Rate	6.94	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	8.03
Agriculture—								
Wheat ..	Area, acs.	1,279,778	3,002,064	3,335,528	5,115,965	7,427,834	9,719,042	9,763,861
	Yld., bshl.	11,917,741	21,443,862	25,075,265	38,561,619	71,636,347	129,088,806	109,454,842
	Av. „	9.31	7.14	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	11.21
Oats ..	Area, acs.	225,492	194,816	246,129	461,430	616,794	733,406	1,014,376
	Yld., bshl.	4,261,630	4,795,897	5,726,256	9,789,854	9,561,833	12,147,433	14,982,155
	Av. „	18.85	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.77
Barley ..	Area, acs.	48,164	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,196
	Yld., bshl.	726,158	1,353,380	1,178,560	1,519,819	2,056,836	6,085,685	6,548,935
	Av. „	15.08	17.84	17.81	20.40	17.66	20.36	19.13
Maize ..	Area, acs.	142,078	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	313,202
	Yld., bshl.	4,576,635	5,726,266	9,261,922	7,034,786	8,939,855	7,840,438	7,388,314
	Av. „	32.21	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	23.59
Hay ..	Area, acs.	303,274	768,388	942,166	1,688,402	2,518,351	2,994,519	3,338,456
	Yld., tons	375,871	767,194	1,067,255	2,024,608	2,867,973	3,902,189	4,148,989
	Av. „	1.24	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.24
Potatoes* ..	Area, acs.	67,911	76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	135,735
	Yld., tons	212,896	243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	328,352
	Av. „	3.13	3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.42
Sugar Cane§ ..	Area, acs.	11,576	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	197,293	216,000
	Yld., tons	176,632	349,627	737,573	1,367,802	1,682,250	2,436,890	2,311,000
	Av. „	15.25	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	10.90
Vineyards ..	Area, acs.	16,253	14,570	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	100,000
	Wine, gal.	2,104,000	1,488,000	3,535,000	5,816,087	4,975,147	8,562,573	11,427,000
Total value all agricultural production .. £		8,941,000	15,519,000	16,480,000	23,835,000	38,774,000	81,889,700	84,182,501
Pastoral, dairying, &c. ..								
Live Stock ..	Sheep No.	40,072,955	65,092,719	106,421,068	72,040,211	93,003,521	82,226,470	78,803,261
	Cattle „	4,277,228	8,010,991	11,112,112	8,491,428	11,828,954	14,441,309	14,336,673
	Horses „	701,530	1,088,029	1,584,737	1,620,420	2,278,226	2,438,182	2,990,460
	Pigs „	586,017	703,188	845,888	931,309	1,110,721	960,385	985,930
Wool prod. lb. greasy		179,000,000	332,759,000	631,587,000	543,131,661	721,298,288	631,514,435	640,964,689
Butter production lbs.		†	†	†	47,433,564	101,671,066	217,573,745	234,995,009
Cheese production „		†	†	†	19,146,929	11,575,692	15,886,712	32,710,559
Bacon and ham „		†	†	†	34,020,629	53,264,652	58,614,459	62,461,570
Total estimated value of pastoral and dairying production .. £		20,736,000	29,538,000	39,256,000	36,890,000	69,832,000	113,671,000	..
Mineral production—								
Gold ..	£	7,916,627	5,194,390	5,281,309	14,017,508	10,551,624	4,018,685	3,545,173
	£	36,528	45,622	3,736,352	2,367,687	3,022,177	1,539,992	3,014,301
Silver and lead ..	£	830,242	714,003	367,373	2,215,431	2,564,278	803,957	844,126
	£	24,020	1,145,889	560,502	448,234	1,209,973	418,418	395,755
Tin ..	£	369	200	2,979	4,067	1,415,169	283,455	1,157,458
	£	330,759	637,865	1,914,026	2,602,770	3,929,673	11,014,831	10,486,419
Total value of all mineral production .. £		9,190,330	7,820,290	12,108,759	21,922,665	23,494,324	19,977,384	20,316,160
Forestry production—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn 1,000 sup. ft.		†	†	†	452,131	604,794	590,495	..
Manufactories—								
No. of factories ..	£	†	†	†	†	14,455	18,023	19,169
	£	†	†	†	†	311,710	395,425	412,349
Hands employed ..	No.	†	†	†	†	27,528,371	68,050,861	71,131,897
	£	†	†	†	†	133,022,090	320,331,765	326,448,189
Total value of output .. £		†	†	†	†	54,017,714	129,921,500	140,395,724
Value added in process of manufacture .. £		†	†	†	†	54,017,714	129,921,500	140,395,724

* Partly estimated 1871 and 1881. † Owing to variation in classification and lack of information effective comparison is impossible. ‡ Information not available. § Area of productive cane.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.						
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1922.
Shipping—							
Oversea vessels { No. ent. and cleared (ton	2,748	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,674	3,111
* Commerce—	1,312,642	2,549,364	4,726,307	6,541,991	9,984,801	9,503,018	9,081,278
Imports oversea £	17,017,000	29,067,000	37,711,000	42,434,000	66,967,488	103,066,436	131,757,885
" per head £	10/3/3	12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	23/7/8
Exports oversea £	21,725,000	27,528,000	36,043,000	49,696,000	79,482,258	127,846,536	117,870,147
" per head £	12/19/6	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/0	23/4/1	20/18/4
Total oversea trade £	38,742,000	56,595,000	73,754,000	92,130,000	146,449,746	230,912,971	249,627,982
" per head £	23/2/9	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	44/6/0
Customs and excise duties .. £	..	4,809,326	7,440,869	8,656,530	13,515,005	27,565,199	32,801,840
" per head £	..	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	5/16/5
Principal Oversea Exports—†							
Wool { cntl. (greasy) £	1,766,358	3,283,692	6,192,598	5,180,181	7,203,649	9,278,337	7,110,650
" £	9,459,629	13,173,026	19,940,029	15,237,454	26,071,193	47,977,044	57,135,882
Wheat { centals £	479,954	3,218,792	5,876,875	12,156,035	33,088,704	59,968,334	18,906,163
" £	193,732	1,189,762	1,938,864	2,774,643	9,641,608	28,644,155	8,469,574
Flour { tons £	12,988	49,549	33,363	96,814	175,891	359,734	394,501
" £	170,415	519,635	328,423	589,064	1,391,529	5,519,881	4,521,976
Butter { centals £	18,127	12,988	42,395	346,074	1,017,221	1,273,474	789,754
" £	45,813	39,383	206,868	1,451,168	4,637,362	7,968,078	6,082,414
Skins and hides £	100,123	316,878	873,695	1,250,938	3,227,236	3,136,810	6,672,471
Tallow .. £	914,278	644,149	571,069	877,745	1,935,836	1,441,795	1,634,741
Meats .. £	566,780	362,965	460,894	2,611,244	4,303,159	5,542,102	7,064,529
Timber (undressed) £	42,586	119,117	38,448	731,301	1,023,960	1,158,166	1,026,362
Gold .. £	7,184,833	6,445,365	5,703,532	14,315,741	12,045,766	3,483,239	2,228,026
Silver and lead £	37,891	57,954	1,932,278	2,250,253	3,212,584	2,583,641	3,678,161
Copper .. £	598,538	676,515	417,687	1,619,145	2,345,961	705,358	664,471
Coal .. £	134,355	361,081	645,972	986,957	900,622	1,099,890	1,200,167
Government Railways—							
Length of line open mls.	970	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,296	23,497
Capital cost .. £	19,269,756	42,741,350	99,764,090	123,223,779	152,194,603	237,479,693	244,353,223
Gross revenue £	1,102,650	3,910,122	8,654,085	11,038,468	17,847,837	35,936,900	38,194,630
Working expenses £	608,332	2,141,735	5,630,182	7,133,617	10,945,727	29,969,954	29,817,970
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings %	55.17	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	83.39	78.07
Postal—							
Letters and postcards dealt with.. No.	24,382,000	67,640,000	157,297,000	220,853,000	453,063,000	569,343,456	561,973,105
" per head ..	14.54	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	104.36	100.93
Newspapers dealt with.. No.	3,336,000	38,063,000	85,280,000	102,727,000	141,638,000	130,882,425	140,477,124
" per head ..	7.95	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	23.99	25.23
Cheque-paying Banks—							
Note circulation £	2,456,487	3,978,711	4,417,269	3,406,175	1,876,428	211,187	207,555
Coin and bullion held £	6,168,869	9,108,243	16,712,923	19,737,572	30,024,225	22,092,371	22,007,040
Advances .. £	26,039,573	57,732,824	129,741,583	89,167,499	116,769,133	233,214,626	248,818,737
Deposits .. £	21,856,959	53,849,455	98,345,338	90,965,530	147,103,081	273,866,737	301,216,730
Savings Banks—							
Number of depositors..	100,713	250,070	614,741	964,553	1,600,112	3,327,456	3,541,916
Total deposits £	3,193,285	7,854,480	15,536,592	30,882,645	59,393,682	154,396,051	164,074,070
Average per depositor £	31/14/2	31/8/2	25/5/6	32/0/4	37/2/4	46/8/0	46/6/0
Average per head of population £	1/18/9	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	28/19/6
State Schools—							
Number of schools ..	2,502	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	9,611
Teachers .. No.	4,641	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	23,226
Enrolment ..	236,710	432,329	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	837,426
Aver. attendance ..	137,767	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	688,264

* Figures for Commerce for years 1921 and 1922 relate to year ended 30th June following. † Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. ‡ Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue.

